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BB Canada's Ralph Snow promises work will continue

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Canada announced last week the organization's effectiveness would not be altered by a recent $400,000 libel judgment against it (CJN Dec. 3).

"As an organization, BB Canada has ensured the viability of the organization will not be compromised by the results of this lawsuit," said Ralph Snow, BB president.

"I would like to make it perfectly clear that the work of the organization through the League for Human Rights and our other agencies and boards will not be impeded by the action brought against us," Snow stated. "Our work will continue to be carried out in the same responsible manner as it has in the past."

A Winnipeg jury ruled recently that the League had libeled Luba Fedorkiw, an unsuccessful candidate in the 1984 federal general elections, and awarded her $400,000 in damages. The League announced it will appeal the decision.

Snow said the League has always acted in a manner of responsibility to the membership of B'nai B'rith Canada, the Jewish community and the Canadian human rights community, adding that would continue.

For more on the case, see page 4.

Allan Gotlieb, Canada's ambassador to the United States, gave the keynote address at the Canadian pep rally prior to the march and rally at the Capitol. [Wendy Rosen photo]

200,000 rally in Washington

Powerful message to Soviet

By
WENDY ROSEN

WASHINGTON —

The Me Generation has come of age and transformed into the We Generation.

That growth and selflessness was evident on Freedom Sunday here as people put aside national differences to congregate and show that basic human rights are a global concern which transcends all other differences; that injustice to one group, in this instance Soviet Jews denied the right to emigrate or to live a Jewish life in the Soviet Union, is a blight on mankind.

Canadians from across the country representing all age groups — 10 Vancouverites drove to Seattle after Shabbat to take the 3,000 mile red eye flight — joined not only with Americans from most states but people from Israel, Great Britain, Mexico, the Netherlands and France.

The Israeli delegation was led by Natan Scharansky and such high-profile recently released Refuseniks as Ida Nudel, Vladimir and Maria Slepak, Yuli Edelshtein, Irina and Daliya Brailovsky, and Mikhail Kholmiansky.

Although American organizers had expected to draw 100,000 for the event on the eve of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's arrival in the U.S. capital for the third summit between him and U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Washington police estimated the crowd at well over 200,000 and perhaps as high as 250,000.

They gave up one day in their lives — cancelled or rearranged activities planned months ago — so that perhaps Soviet Jews could have a life — be it in Israel or as a Jew in the Soviet Union.

Many speakers at both the demonstration in front of the Capitol and the morning Canadian pep rally made direct reference to the difference between this summit rally and the parallel one held in Moscow.

Reports say that a demonstration of about 80 Refuseniks, who were holding placards protesting their long wait for visas, was forcibly broken up by Soviet police and agents. Placards were torn and demonstrators including an American journalist were pushed and shoved by the men. At least two dozen Refuseniks were arrested by police.

The Washington rally was the largest demonstration in the city for a Jewish cause but one which most speakers including two clergymen called a moral issue not a Jewish one.

From Canada, some came on charter flights dubbed Freedom Flights, from Toronto and Montreal but student groups in both cities took an 11-hour 1-way bus ride to participate. Other students, studying at American colleges in nearby states, joined their families at Washington's Vista International Hotel.

At the Canadian pep rally, speakers included Canadian Jewish Congress President Dorothy Reitman, Bill Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, and Corinne Boyer, chairman of the Parliamentary Spouses Committee for Soviet Jewry. A major address was presented by Allan Gotlieb, Canada's ambassador to the U.S.

As well, letters of support were read from Ontario Premier David Peterson, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, federal Liberal leader John Turner and federal New

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Soviet emigration likely to reach 8,000 in 1987

MONTREAL —

Soviet Jewish emigration for November was 910, down two from the previous month.

This brings the annual total to 7,245 compared with 914 in the whole of 1986.

Barbara Stern, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' National Committee for Soviet Jewry says it appears likely that emigration for the current year will reach 8,000 — a 6-year high. In 1981, 9,447 Jews — a drop of 127% over the previous year's total of 21,471 — were allowed to emigrate.

However, the Jewish Telegraph Agency reports that Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Schevardnadze told American Secretary of State George Shultz at their meeting last month in Moscow that more than 10,000 Jews will have left the Soviet Union by the end of the year.

(A spokesman at the Soviet embassy in Ottawa suggested that these are the number of exit visas which will be granted in the current year as opposed to the actual number of people who emigrate.)

Schevardnadze reportedly promised Shultz that the number of Jewish emigrants would be "increased" next year. No figures were mentioned.

Labor-Mapam leads in WZO delegates

JERUSALEM —

The Labor-Mapam bloc emerged as the largest faction at the Zionist Congress, now in progress here, according to figures released by the organization department of the World Zionist Organization.

Out of the 538 congress delegates, who are allowed to vote in the WZO Executive elections, the Labor-Mapam bloc has 144; the Likud (Herut and the General Zionists) 138; the Confederation of United Zionists (Hadassah), 75; Mizrachi, 52; the Reform Zionist organization Arzeinu, 45, and the Conservative Zionists organization, Mercaz, 22.

Smaller factions are Tehiya, 9; the Citizens Rights Movement, 5; Shinui, 5; Tami, 2; and Ometz, 2.

Of these delegates, 190 are from Israel, 152 from the U.S. and 196 from other countries. Another 110 delegates representing international Jewish organizations have limited voting powers.

There are 19 Canadian delegates at the Congress. The breakdown is as follows: United Torah Coalition, 5; Kadima-Canadian Council of Reform Zionists, 4; Labor Zionist Movement of Canada, 3; Mercaz Canada, 2; Zionist Organization of Canada, 2; Confederation of United Zionists, 1; Canadians for Progressive Israel-Friends of Pioneering Israel, 1; and Herut Canada-Tehiya Canada, 1.

The delegates were chosen through national elections conducted by the Canadian Zionist Federation this spring and summer. It was the first poll to be held in 12 years.

As The CJN went to press, the big question at the congress was: Who would succeed Leon Dulzin in the dual role as chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization?

The two contenders were Labor's Simcha Dinitz, 58, and Likud's Gideon Patt. Both are members of Israel's Knesset.

Prior to the congress elections, the two candidates were approved by Diaspora philanthropists in an "advice-consent" process.

Phil Granovsky, the only Canadian member of the Diaspora fund raisers' advice and consent committee, told The CJN that Dinitz was the most likely candidate to win the WZO election.

"It appears as if Mr. Dinitz is the strong favorite to win that election," said the past president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

"That's my impression because the Labor Party has been able to form a coalition with the other Zionist factions outside of Israel."

Dinitz served as Israel's ambassador to the United States from 1973 and 1978 and was a close confidant and political advisor to the late Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Granovsky, a member of the Jewish Agency's executive, said (Dec. 4) it was still not known who would be chosen for the dual position of treasurer of the WZO and the Jewish Agency.

However, the 10-member advice and consent committee, in a worldwide telephone conference call last week, agreed to inform Labor and Likud party heads that they would not accept anyone they felt would "not do a good job" and didn't "appear to have the proper experience and background," Granovsky said.

If Dinitz was elected as WZO chairman, a Likud candidate would most likely be selected as treasurer, he said. The reverse would likely occur if Patt won.

It was also still not known who would fill four other key portfolios in the Zionist executive. These positions must also meet the approval of Diaspora fund raisers.

The positions included the heads of aliya and Youth Aliyah as well as the two heads of the settlement department. No names had been suggested yet to the advice and consent committee, said Granovsky, who is a member of the Jewish Agency's income committee and president and chairman of Keren Hayesod's board of trustees.

Prior to the congress here, Akiva Lewinsky — Labor's original candidate

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Early deadlines

Due to the holiday schedule, there will be no issue on Dec. 31., and the advertising deadlines for the Dec. 24 issue have been advanced. Organizational and classified ad deadlines are Monday, Dec. 14 at noon, and display advertising, Tuesday, Dec. 15 at noon for the Dec. 24 issue.

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Hungary vows to aid probe

BUDAPEST —

The Hungarian government will continue to aid Canada in its investigation of Nazi war criminals and provide evidence if needed, the Hungarian foreign minister said recently.

Speaking to five B'nai B'rith officers from Canada, Peter Vakonyi said there would be no statute of limitations for Nazi perpetrators of crimes against humanity.

In a 90-minute meeting with BB officers Ralph Snow, Frank Dimant, Michael Rosenberg, Moishe Smith and Marilyn Wainberg, Vakonyi discussed diplomatic relations with Israel and the Jewish community and Hungary.

Snow, president of B'nai B'rith Canada, stated he was pleased with Vakonyi's statements and with the treatment of Hungarian Jewry.

'The relationship of the Jewish community with the Hungarian government is exemplary in the Eastern Bloc. We are confident that religious tolerance in Hungary with augur well for the total community."

Snow lauded Hungarian President Janos Kadar for recently establishing trade relations with Israel. He added the hope that full diplomatic relations between Hungary and Israel will be established in the near future.

World-National

Historic UN vote recalled

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I am writing this column on Nov. 29, the 40th anniversary of the day when the United Nations General Assembly, then meeting in Flushing Meadows, NY, voted to partition Palestine. Two states were to emerge from the division, one Jewish and one Arab. In effect, this constituted the birth of Israel, though its independence would not be proclaimed until some months later, on May 15, 1948, when the British mandatory forces left the country.

Rabbi Plaut

During the middle of 1947 the British were still in control of the country, though the mandate had become a burden to them and they were ready to turn the responsibility over to the UN. The turning point came in July of that year when the ship Exodus 1947 arrived in Haifa with 4,500 refugees aboard. But the British did not allow the Jews to disembark and forced the ship to turn back. Its sad journey ended back in Germany from where it had come in the first place.

Exodus turned back

The Exodus 1947 affair had a profound effect on world opinion and it convinced the British government that nothing was to be gained by prolonging its mandatory rule over Palestine. Meanwhile, the United Nations had been considering the problem, though it appeared deadlocked over any workable solution. But when Andre Gromyko (today the president of the Soviet Union) announced that his country would support partition and the establishment of a Jewish state, the die was cast. A special committee recommended a plan whereby the land would be split into three segments. A thin coastal strip, the southern Negev and the eastern Galil would comprise the Jewish state; the West Bank all the way to and including Beersheba, the Gaza strip and the western portions of the Negev and the Galil were to go to the Arabs; while Jerusalem and environs were to constitute a third international zone.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, the voting began at the UN. I was a delegate to the final session of the American Jewish Conference, which had been created during the war and the only Jewish parliament ever to exist in America. The meetings were held in the Chicago Civic Opera House and began after Shabbat was over.

By the time the session began the voting had already taken place in New York, but we did not know its results. Chairman Louis Lipsky rose to open the proceedings.

"Ladies and gentlemen, it is my great privilege in opening this session to make an important statement . . . The United Nations, by a vote of 33 for, 13 against, 10 abstentions and one absent, gave official recognition to the Jewish state on Palestine."

There followed an outburst of wild emotion and we virtually shouted the Hatikvah. Stephen S. Wise, one of the spiritual and political architects of the state, sat weeping in his chair on the stage. When at last he rose, all of us in the audience stood again, recognizing his immense contribution to the rebirth of Zion.

"I want to describe to you," he said wiping his eyes, "the Jewish state that is to be . . . It will be free, it will be democratic. It will be Jewish — Jewish with tolerance and amicability for all people." Wise was then 73 years old and he described some highlights of his Zionist life. He had been a delegate to the World Zionist Organization in 1904 and had spoken to Herzl who said to him after the session: "I shall not live to see the Jewish state but you will live to see it."

And Wise concluded: "I am too small for the greatness of the mercy which God has shown us." It was our turn to weep in gratitude.

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Correction: David Greenspan's address is 390 Bay St., suite 3100, Toronto, M5H 1W2. He can also be contacted by phone at (416) 868-3203, regarding the restoration of tombstones in Poland, as discussed in last week's column.

Israel denies arms allegation

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — The U.S. justice department has accused Israel of participating in a conspiracy to smuggle restricted technology for the manufacture of tank cannon barrels out of the United States.

The Israeli embassy in Washington has flatly denied the allegation. "We are confident that any review will establish that Israel Military Industries (IMI) and the Government of Israel and its employees had acted in full compliance with U.S. laws and regulations," embassy spokesman Yossi Gal said.

The Pentagon, so far, has not issued any formal statement on the dispute, which resurfaced on Nov. 24 when the justice department announced that a Connecticut company, NAPCO Inc., had agreed to pay $750,000 in fines for violating U.S. export law by smuggling equipment and technology to Israel for manufacture of the 120 mm tank barrel cannons.

The guilty plea followed a 2-year investigation by the justice department, the Customs Service and other U.S. law-enforcement agencies.

In December 1985, the issue was first publicized when federal agents raided NAPCO's headquarters. At that time, Israel also denied any wrongdoing, insisting that NAPCO was solely responsible for obtaining the required export licences.

A year earlier, in December 1984, NAPCO had signed a contract with IMI to construct a factory in Israel that would use a new and highly sophisticated technology to chromeplate the interiors of 120 mm cannon barrels "without having first obtained a validated export licence from the United States department of commerce," according to court papers filed on Nov. 24.

The new technology enables the tank barrels to be produced faster, and at less cost, than other processes. In addition, the court papers said, the process results in a cannon "with greater range, more accuracy, and a life expectancy of 800-1,500 rounds," as opposed to the older version's only 200 rounds.

"This process was believed to represent the state of the art for chromeplating the interiors of 120 mm cannon barrels," the papers added. "Although neither classified nor marked proprietary, the cathode, the anode, and the information relating to these fixtures were considered the property of the United States, similar to a trade secret."

In 1984, the papers said, Israel had made plans with NAPCO to build a chromeplating facility in Israel at a cost of approximately $1.9 million. NAPCO's profit was projected to be between $150,000-$200,000.

An Israeli businessman, identified in court papers as Chaim Milstein, acted as the broker for the deal.

The IMI facility "was intended for chromeplating cannons and other weapons as well as other items of both a military and non-military nature, such as hydraulic cylinders," they said.

"As known to NAPCO," the court papers said, "IMI sought and received full funding for this project from the United States department of defence under the Foreign Military Sales Credit Program. However, unknown to NAPCO, IMI advised that this was a general purpose chromeplating facility for hydraulic tubes and cylinders, and failed to disclose that the facility would be used to chromeplate 120 mm cannon barrels. The facility was, therefore, to be financed by the United States. Export licences from the departments of state and commerce were still required, however, for shipments concerning the IMI project from the United States to Israel."

The contract stipulated that NAPCO was responsible for obtaining "whatever licences were necessary for the exportation of technology and equipment to Israel." The court papers said NAPCO subsequently informed IMI that no export licences were required.

But the court documents also said that around the time that the contract was signed, IMI advised NAPCO that the facility would in fact be used to chromeplate 120 mm cannons. "Because IMI's development of this cannon was secret, however, IMI asked NAPCO not to refer to the cannon as such but instead to refer to the 120 mm cannon as a 'hydraulic cylinder,' " the papers said. "Thus, in all communications between Israel and NAPCO concerning the facility, the 120 cannon was referred to as a 'hydraulic cylinder.' "

NAPCO, in its subsequent presentations to the department of commerce, said that the proposed facility in Israel would be used to chromeplate "hydraulic cylinders."

"Based on this misleading presentation," the court papers said, "the department of commerce representatives determined that no export licence was required. NAPCO made no other effort to obtain an export licence for shipments to Israel."

Israeli officials insisted that they had accurately informed the Pentagon about the proposed factory. Indeed, they said that they had written documentation to prove that they had not misled the defence department, although they refused to make it available. They explained that they did not want to embarrass specific Pentagon officials with whom Israel has a continuing relationship.

Despite the justice department's allegations, Israeli officials said they still expect the Pentagon eventually to back up the Israeli version.

A Pentagon spokesman, Major Larry Icenogle, said that he was awaiting press guidance from higher-ranking officials who were continuing their investigation. "The matter is under review," he said.

The Washington Post, which first published news about the plea agreement on its front page, quoted a U.S. justice department official as saying that the U.S. foreign aid program financed construction of a facility in Israel that is now using smuggled American technology. The official added that the papers filed in court make it clear that Israel did in fact try to hide the purpose of the plant when seeking U.S. government financing for the project.

The newspaper said there are other pending customs-justice investigations of alleged smuggling of American technology to Israel.

What about other depression?

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON — In October, the stock market collapsed and everyone said something must be done. The federal deficit must be narrowed. The dollar cannot be allowed to fall further. The trade deficit must be closed. The President must exercise leadership. From Washington to New York, everyone was ordered to battle stations. A recession, maybe a depression, was heading our way.

There is no underestimating the seriousness of the stock market collapse. Lots of people lost lots of money — and the victims were not only the wealthy. Many Americans now have their savings invested in the stock market, either directly through the purchase of stocks or through pension or savings plans. These people, especially if they are about to retire, are poorer today than they were just a little while ago.

But certain segments of American society are already in a depression — both an economic and a psychological one. The Wall Street Journal recently sent a reporter to Girard, Kansas. It's a depressed community, dependent on farming, whose residents wondered why the collapse of the stock market demanded instant action while the collapse of the rural economy has caused little panic. "It seems to me we've had a depression all the days of our lives," said one 68-year-old resident.

The same question could be asked by members of the American underclass — particularly women and children. Depression is both their plight and their fate. This is true for the poor of all races, but the statistics are particularly stark for Blacks. As Andrew Hacker points out in the current New York Review of Books, more than 60% of all Black children are born outside of wedlock, more than half of all Black families are headed by women and most Black children live only with their mothers. The consequence of these appalling statistics is appalling poverty. Almost 30% of all Black families live below the official poverty level.

As for Black men, only 40% last year had full-time jobs. Indeed, so footloose and impoverished is their existence, that an estimated 20% of them are missed by the census. Their fatherhood is casual, job prospects almost nil, educational level abysmal and their chances of becoming the victims of violence or drugs fairly good.

This is a true depression, worse than anything that befell the nation from 1929 to the onset of World War II, yet it has produced no panic and no crisis meetings in Washington. Indeed, the plight of the underclass, particularly the Black one, has instead produced a shrug of the shoulders and — on the part of the Reagan administration — attempts to gut even successful programs such as Head Start. A welfare-reform bill pokes through Congress at a pace that makes the budget reconciliation process seem swift. There are fears that in an era of austerity its cost may be prohibitive — never mind the human cost in the meantime.

Partly, this indifference to the poor is a reflection of the electoral system. The poor are notoriously bad about voting. They don't contribute to political candidates. They have no political-action committees and, of course, the bulk of them — children — are too young to vote. A system that responds to votes and money has no cause to respond at all when it comes to the poor.

In the long run, national indifference to the underclass will come to haunt us. By failing to address the problem, we are losing our most valuable resource — children. Programs that could reach them at an early age and possibly break the cycle of poverty either are being underfunded or not even attempted.

The collapse of the stock market, blamed on a panic, in itself produced a panic. We were all horrified at the prospect of yet another depression — of poverty, unemployment and the social malaise that would result. But that is precisely the plight of some of the nation at the moment. What's most depressing about it is how little most of us seem to care.

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Record high of almost 200 meeting needs

UIA of Canada increases special Israeli projects

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Canadian Jews are becoming increasingly active in special projects and programs meeting contemporary needs in Israel, says a United Israel Appeal of Canada official.

The UIA of Canada has launched about 20 new major projects and about 68 smaller ones in the last three years, bringing the total number of projects and programs to a record high of almost 200, said deputy board chairman Allan Offman.

A new Special Projects Commission has also been set up to help select and monitor major projects in Israel, he said.

UIA of Canada addresses Israel's need to retool its economy infrastructure by participating in projects such as the Tel Hai Regional College, which prepares students from Upper Galilee development towns to work in high-tech industry.

The 5-man commission is chaired by UIA of Canada vice-president Wilfred Posluns, of Toronto. President Martin Levine, of Montreal, and past presidents Jack Rose, Phil Granovsky and Offman, all of Toronto, also sit on the commission.

Smaller projects will continue to be overseen by representatives of UIA of Canada's executive committee and other senior officers.

Offman said more individuals, families and communities here have been inspired in recent years to support UIA's special projects after seeing the success of the organization's project renewal communities in Israel in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

UIA of Canada has also managed to make donors and communities more aware of the type of projects and programs available for support.

"Many donors and communities have found the interface and involvement with Israelis to be very very exciting and they want to be identified with these kinds of things," Offman said.

Funding for special projects is provided by UIA of Canada in conjunction with private Canadian donors such as individuals, families or small communities.

UIA of Canada's portion of the financing comes from a special projects fund which is made up of funds bequeathed in wills as well as special donations.

Contributions made to regular UIA of Canada, United Jewish Appeal and Combined Jewish Appeal campaigns are not used for special projects. These donations are put directly into Project Renewal communities in Israel instead.

In the past three years the special projects fund has been growing at the annual rate of 20%, Offman said.

This is another reason UIA of Canada decided to set up the Special Projects Commission, he said.

"We feel it has reached the point where it's so important, we want to have a 'blue ribbon group' to monitor it."

Among new projects and programs to be recently undertaken by UIA of Canada in partnership with private Canadian donors is the construction of a chain of community centres in the northern Galilee area below the "confrontational line."

In another project, UIA of Canada in conjunction with Toronto's Posluns family have funded the building of the Nis Ziona community centre in the high tech area near the Weizmann Institute.

The recreational centre, which includes a theatre and athletic facilities, caters to the scientific and educational professionals who live in isolated communities.

Recently approval has also been given by UIA of Canada in conjunction with the reform movement in Canada and Israel to add an athletic wing to the Leo Baeck Centre in Haifa.

For more information on UIA of Canada projects, call Walter Hess at (416) 636-7655.

Knesset member Virshubski:

Withdraw for democracy

By
PHILLIP FINE

TORONTO —
If Israel wants to maintain its democratic vitality, it must begin negotiating now with its Arab neighbors and the Palestinians for withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, says Knesset member Mordechai Virshubski, the member of the Citizens' Rights Movement, who recently wrapped up a speaking tour which took him and Hannah Siniora, editor of the East Jerusalem Arab newspaper Al Fajr, to Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and to Boston and New York as well.

Virshubski, whose trip was sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Peace Now, spoke to The Canadian Jewish News during a stop in Toronto where he and Siniora addressed a luncheon of the Canada-Israel Committee. Virshubski also spoke at the University of Toronto law school.

The 10-year veteran of the Knesset says withdrawal from the territories would mean an end to military rule — a condition he blames for what he says has been the erosion in Israel of respect for democratic values and civic responsibilities.

As evidence, he cites the recent report of Israel's Landau Commission which showed, he says, that for 16 years, members of Israel's Shin Bet security services perjured themselves in court.

Virshubski also blames military rule for what he says has been the loss in Israel of respect for civil liberties. A recent poll of Israeli youth under 30, he notes, showed 30% favored restricting the rights of Arabs and, in addition, that Arabs should be punished more severely than Jews for acts of terrorism.

Virshubski favors relinquishing rather than annexing the territories as a way of ending military rule, because the latter, he says, would be both unworkable and morally wrong.

Annexation would not only burden Israel with 1.4 million additional Arabs but would also, in about 15 years, leave it with a population almost equally divided between Arabs and Jews. This, he says, would be a "recipe for civil war on a permanent scale," but worse, a negation of the Zionist dream of a Jewish homeland.

A variant of annexation which would see Palestinians denied their civil rights would prove unworkable, Virshubski says, simply because it would produce an apartheid-like situation.

Removal of the Palestinians through forcible expulsion to Arab countries would also be wrong, says Virshubski. Not only would Israel be roundly condemned by the rest of the world, but Jews would suffer a moral crisis for doing to the Arabs what others over the centuries have done to Jews.

To get Israeli withdrawal under way and to determine just what form of government should replace Israeli military occupation, Virshubski is calling for the creation of an international conference to which Israel, Jordan and (non-PLO) Palestinians would send representatives. The conference would be held under the auspices of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

It's important, Virshubski says, that Jews in North America be made aware of how continued occupation of the territories not only weakens Israel's democratic foundations but, because of the necessary military expenditures, saps its economic strength as well.

Virshubski admits his proposal won't guarantee harmony between Israel and its neighbors, but he points out it could be the first step towards its achievement.

"I'm not a starry-eyed idealist and I don't think tomorrow there will be peace and quiet," he says of his proposal. After all, Virshubski admits, peace is not an instantaneous development; it's a process.

"But," he warns, "we have to begin the process today and not tomorrow."

Zimmerman named UIA Residents Committee head

JERUSALEM —
Businessman Rubin Zimmerman has been appointed new board chairman of the United Israel Appeal of Canada's Israel Residents Committee.

Rubin Zimmerman

The committee — which recommends Israeli projects to UIA of Canada — is "deeply involved" with the appeal organization's 10 Project Renewal programs, according to a news release.

Zimmerman — a businessman dealing in general investments, aluminum, real estate and steel — moved to Israel in 1980.

Since then he had been actively involved in the community. In particular, he is vice-chairman of the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce and is on the board of governors of Haifa, Ben-Gurion and Bar-Ilan universities.

From 1980 until his recent election, he was vice-chairman of the Israel Residents Committee, which is made up of 40 Canadian citizens living in Israel.

Prior to living in Israel, Zimmerman was UIA of Canada's vice-president, president and chairman of the board of Israel Bonds in Canada, and president of the Montreal Jewish Cultural Association. He was also a board member of all the Canadian support groups for Israeli universities.

Israel chosen to chair Europe UNESCO group

PARIS (JTA) —
Israel was chosen last week to head the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization's 24-member European group of nations at UNESCO's 24th biennial session, which opened here last month.

Yossef Amihud, Israel's ambassador to UNESCO, was elected by acclamation to serve as chairman of the group for one year, starting Jan. 1. It was the latest and most impressive gain by Israel in the traditionally anti-Israel world body.

UNESCO is divided into five groups of member states. The European group consists of the 12 members of the European Economic Community, the four Scandinavian countries, plus Switzerland, Turkey, Malta, Cyprus and Israel. The United States and Canada have observer status.

The other groups are Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa and the Arab states.

The group chairmen serve as liaisons between the director-general, the highest executive of UNESCO, and the 158-member states comprising the organization.

This is the first time Israel was elected to head a UNESCO group. Diplomatic sources said, however, that there was no connection between the election of Israel and the recent change at the top of UNESCO.

Federico Mayor Zaragoza of Spain was elected director-general of UNESCO in October, succeeding Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow of Senegal, whose 13-year administration was marked by anti-Israel and anti-Western bias.

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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: In a Zabla procedure for a Din Torah, I get to choose the judge I want. My opponent gets to choose the judge he wants. The two dayanim choose the third judge. What can I expect my judge to do for me?

Nothing!

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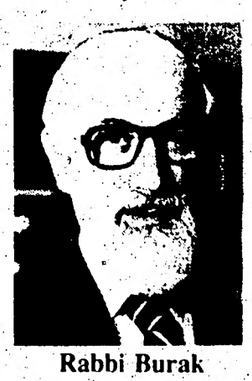
Rabbi Burak

When you get to choose a rabbi to act as your judge, all it means is that you have confidence in the clarity of his vision. You regard him as a clear thinker, an honest man, a learned man, and a true upholder of Torah law. If your case has merit, it will win. If your judge doesn't see the merit of your case, you will submit to the decree, no matter how painful that may be.

That's what our judicial system stands for. The fact that you chose the authority who will serve as a judge on the Rabbinical Court has no bearing on the ultimate judgment. The secular world, however, tends to think otherwise, and to feel that if you ask for him, he will work for your cause.

That was the sentiment behind much of the opposition to the appointment of Judge Bork (no relative of mine) to the Supreme Court of the United States. It was assumed that since President Reagan nominated him, he was a Reagan man who would work to carry out the Reagan program in the years ahead. But, that's a very unfair way to look at a judge, and many earlier judges resented it when it was suggested about them.

In a volume of recorded talks, *Felix Frankfurter Reminisces*, page 240, that learned justice took issue with men who were sure he would uphold the ideas of those who appointed him. He speaks of ". . . the silly newspaper people whenever they have to give tags to the members of the Court, think I am a hide-bound Democrat simply because Roosevelt appointed me. Well, I'm a hide-bound nothing, let alone a hide-bound Democrat."

There you have the attitude of a true judge. Roosevelt nominated him to the Supreme Court and worked to get that office for him, yet he didn't always follow him. You, too, should know that while you can name your rabbinical judge, he doesn't have to follow your line of thought. He searches for the truth.

That's a painful truth to remember. Chief Justice Earl Warren was appointed to that high office by President Eisenhower, and that President was quite disappointed by what his protege did. In *The Memoirs of Chief Justice Warren*, page 5, the author says: "Even the fatherly President Dwight Eisenhower was widely quoted as having said that his appointment of me as Chief Justice 'was the biggest damn fool thing I ever did.'"

At the end of a Din Torah, you may think that choosing your dayan was your biggest mistake, or, that you should have found someone who was more sympathetic to your cause. Such thoughts on your part are the real mistake.

In a Din Torah that took place in Philadelphia, the defendant in the action spoke to the Rabbinical Court in these terms: "Rabbanim, if I had a question as to the kashruth of certain meats, I would ask you for a ruling, and would abide by your decision. Now it's a question of money. If you tell me the money is kosher, I will keep it. If it's not kosher, I will gladly forfeit it."

Despite recent court award

Won't be deterred—BB League

By
PAUL LUNGEN

WINNIPEG —

B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights will not be deterred in its work investigating allegations of racism or anti-semitism despite a recent court award of $400,000 in a defamation suit against it (CJN Dec. 3).

Lyle Smordin, chairman of the Midwest region of the League, said "we have to turn a negative into a positive" and focus attention at the League's good work. He said the jury award, said to be the second largest in Canadian legal history, won't deter the League "one iota from what we have to do."

The judgment won't affect the League in its investigations, Smordin said. However, "it will affect how we communicate to the media."

Smordin said the League will tighten up internal controls on material divulged to the press.

The defamation suit against the League was launched by Luba Fedorkiw, a Conservative candidate in the 1984 federal general election. She claimed she lost the campaign in Winnipeg North because of publicity over a League investigation into allegations she had described a rival Conservative as "controlled by the Jews."

Smordin said the allegation turned out to be unsubstantiated second- and third-hand hearsay. The investigation was reported in League minutes distributed to members, one of whom repeated the allegations to a Winnipeg Sun reporter.

Fedorkiw, a high school teacher, said the publicity exposed her to scorn and forced her to withdraw from public life. She said she received obscene telephone calls, a swastika was spray-painted on her campaign office and a number of backers withdrew their support.

Fedorkiw received 12,705 votes, finishing behind New Democrat David Orlikow's 18,209 votes. Orlikow has held the seat for more than 20 years.

Smordin said the jury award "flabbergasted" him. The League will appeal the decision, arguing that not only is the quantity of damages excessive (Fedorkiw had asked for only $120,000) but also questionning the judge's charge to the jury and his explanation of the law to be applied.

Smordin said the League had received supportive calls and concern had been expressed that the decision would deter human rights investigators from fulfilling their mandate.

He said the League's credibility would not suffer if the judgment is upheld since "one error would not taint all the good things we've done."

Martin Boroditsky, a former BB executive member who testified at the defamation trial, is reported to have said the organization should not launch an investigation unless there is reasonable evidence the allegation is true.

"They've got to establish very firm guidelines," he said. "They have to have grounds for an investigation."

Norman Cuddy, a lawyer for Fedorkiw, said the award will force civil rights groups to become "much more careful about how they conduct investigations." He said the League should follow the example of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and draft rules to prohibit its members from mentioning any details of its investigations.

Smordin said two League meetings, held after The CJN went to press, may discuss a new communications policy.

No longer Israel's policy: Shamir

Iran arms sales denied

By
BENNY MORRIS

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Israel is not selling arms to Iran, nor has it done so since the start of the Irangate affair last year, according to sources in Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir repeatedly declared during his trip to the U.S. last month that it was Israel's policy not to sell arms to Iran, "and we are sticking strictly to this policy today," said sources in the Prime Minister's office.

The denial followed a report from Stockholm which claimed that Israel had sold millions of dollars worth of explosives, artillery ammunition and shell components to Iran through a Swedish middleman between 1984 and 1986.

Swedish customs officers seized several thousand documents in raids between 1984 and 1986 on the offices of Karl-Erik Schmitz, head of Scandinavian Commodity, a company in Malmo, southern Sweden. About 1,600 pages were made available to the Reuters news agency.

The Israeli sources said that shortly after the Irangate affair broke in the U.S., "a severe and unequivocal order was issued by Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to stop all Israeli sales of arms to Iran."

They added that "it is inconceivable that Israel Military Industries (which is named in the report) had violated these instructions."

Since the disclosure of the Irangate affair, Israel has repeatedly assured U.S. administration officials and Congress that Israel is no longer selling arms to Iran.

Karl-Erik Schmitz, currently awaiting trial on smuggling charges, which carries a prison term of up to six years, has admitted supplying Iran with explosives but contends that the transactions were entirely legal.

"One of Schmitz's biggest suppliers when he was trying to find material for Iran was obviously Israel," a senior customs official told Reuters.

Arms trade experts believe Schmitz smuggled explosives worth $600 million to Iran.

Israel has acknowledged shipping weapons to Iran — with the approval of the U.S. — before the Irangate affair, but has officially denied independent arms sales.

Quota remark sparks reply

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Canada has sent a letter to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark expressing concern over a UN official's recent suggestion there should be a quota for Jews hired by the UN.

Terese Paquet-Sevigny, head of the UN's public information department, stated in October that her staff told her there were already enough Jews in her department.

Paquet-Sevigny, who is from Canada, made the remark after being asked by a U.S. official why she had no Israelis in her division.

"As you are aware, she subsequently indicated that regardless of where Jews came from, be it 'Palestine, Europe', etc., there should be a quota for Jews hired by the UN," said BB Canada's letter sent last week by fax machine to Clark in Ottawa.

"In light of the publicity, both in Canada and the United States, which this incident has received, we trust that your department has helped Ms. Sevigny appreciate the problematic nature of her statements and has corrected her misunderstanding of the matters she addressed."

The letter — written on behalf of BB Canada's Institute for International Affairs — was signed by chairman Marilyn Wainberg and national director Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth.

It reminded Clark of a Nov. 17 meeting between Paquet-Sevigny and a group of Jewish officials at the UN. The meeting was held at the request of Dr. Harris Schoenberg, director of UN Affairs for BB International.

"According to Dr. Schoenberg, she allayed their fears that her comments were the result of anti-semitic sentiments," said the letter.

"We therefore trust that Ms. Sevigny now comprehends the distinction between Jews and Israelis; that she understands that the name of the modern Jewish state is Israel; and that Canada has full diplomatic relations with the State of Israel.

"In view of the introduction in Parliament of the Canadian Multiculturalism Act on Dec. 1, 1987, we believe that it is more appropriate than ever that Canada's representatives and any of its citizens at the United Nations who have been endorsed by Canada, truly appreciate and reflect the multicultural nature of our heritage."

Rosenbluth told The CJN the letter was sent to Clark to help increase the external affairs department's awareness of the situation.

Poles, Czechs lift ban on Israeli overflights

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Poland and Czechoslovakia have given permission to Israeli commercial planes to fly through their air space, lifting a ban imposed when those countries broke diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 Six Day War.

One result will be to shorten El Al's flights between Tel Aviv and Copenhagen by 20 minutes, the airline announced last week. El Al will soon introduce new Boeing 757 aircrafts on this and other routes. The new planes, which can seat 191 passengers, will replace the Boeing 707s now in use.

Israel and Poland took the first steps toward reestablishing diplomatic ties last summer, when Israel opened an interest section in Warsaw, and Poland opened one in Tel Aviv. Interest sections are the lowest level of diplomatic representation.

There has been no such move to date between Israel and Czechoslovakia.

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Domestic prosecution in criminal court

Aussie war crimes bill step closer to passing

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia — A bill which will enable Nazi war criminals living in Australia to be tried and punished by Australia's civil courts has passed through all stages in the House of Representatives in Canberra.

It will go to the Senate later this month.

The War Crimes Amendment Bill includes a special provision to deal with crimes pertaining to the Holocaust. It makes deportation and internment in death camps and slave labor camps serious war crimes punishable in Australia, and specifically excludes any defence that a war criminal was merely "obeying orders."

The bill provides a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for wilful killing and up to 25 years for other offences, which include manslaughter, rape, wounding, indecent assault, abduction, procuring for immoral purposes of causing grievous bodily harm.

The bill was tabled as a consequence of an investigation by Andrew Menzies late last year into allegations that about 200 Nazi war criminals slipped into Australia after World War II — mostly non-Germans originating from Eastern and Southeastern Europe. The government then established a Special Investigations Unit under Bob Greenwood to pursue the allegations.

Greenwood, who leads a 13-man team, was recently in Canada in the course of his investigations.

Much of the parliamentary debate on the bill focused on the validity of Soviet evidence — an issue, it was pointed out, which also aroused concern in the Canadian House of Commons. Attorney-General Lionel Bowen said Australian investigators would assess the merits of any evidence from the USSR.

Bowen gave an assurance that "nobody will be extradited under this bill. They will be dealt with in this country. If people are found guilty, they will be sentenced in Australia, it is axiomatic that we do not extradite our own citizens."

The new legislation amends the existing 1945 War Crimes Act and transfers the power to try war criminals from military courts to civilian criminal courts.

Trends show Jewish population in decline

JERUSALEM — Jews everywhere must face the fact they are in a period of population decline and aging which is likely to accelerate in coming decades.

That was the message of the recent First Conference on the Demography of the Jewish People, according to a B'nai B'rith Canada news release.

The 3-day conference was attended by Sigmund Reiser, a member of BB Canada's Board of Govenors.

Deciding what to do about this demographic situation is a "vexing problem which the conference's scholarly participants did not resolve," said the release, based on Reiser's notes.

"Perhaps the only thing they could agree on was that Diaspora Jewry is shrinking, while Israel's Jewish population is on a steady incremental increase, irrespective of immigration and emigration which have almost cancelled each other out in recent years."

Studies have shown that the Jewish birthrate in the Diaspora is below the replacement rate (zero population growth) of 2.1 children per mother.

However, in Israel the national birthrate for Jewish women is almost 3 children. In fact, fertility among Jewish Israeli women has increased marginally in recent years.

If trends in the Diaspora continue, demographers project world Jewry will decline from its present size of 12.8 million. The Diaspora, which in 1985 was estimated at 9.3 million, could drop below 8 million by the year 2000, and decline even more rapidly after that.

Even if the natural increase in Israel were to remain constant or increase slightly, this population gain would not offset losses in the Diaspora.

The birthrate below zero population growth is the result of non-traditional lifestyles resulting in late marriages, small families, hedonism and the pursuit of careers by both partners. Homosexuality and couples deciding not to raise children were also cited as factors.

The gloomy projections were based in part on subjective data about assimilation, intermarriage and conversion rates.

More than 200 academic scholars, community leaders, educators and rabbis from 20 countries participated in the conference. It was sponsored by the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency, the World Jewish Congress, the Institute for Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University and the Demographic Centre of the Israeli government.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) What are the initial words of the hymn sung in the synagogue and in the home after kindling the Chanukah lights?

(2) What answer other than the accepted one is given to the question "Who knows eight" in the song *Ehad Mi Yodea* sung during the Passover seder?

(3) What scroll gives a popular account of the wars of the Hasmoneans and the origins of the festival of Chanukah?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) Ma'oz Tzur (Rock of Ages).

(2) Eight are the Chanukah lights.

(3) The Scroll of Antiochus or Scroll of the Hasmoneans.

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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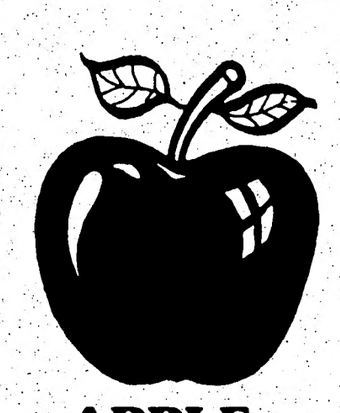

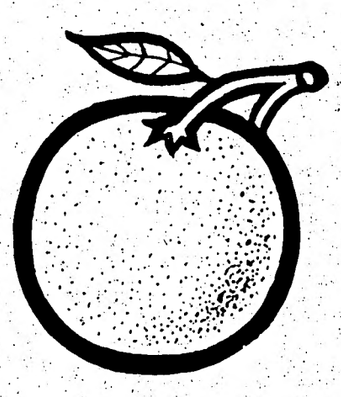

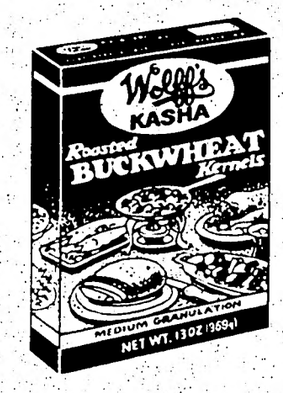

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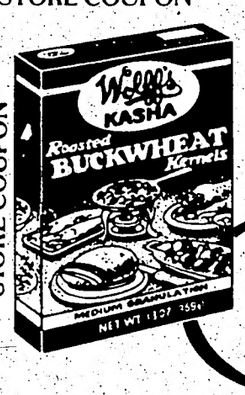

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World-National

CJC to make presentation at hearings on bill

Legislation recognizes "multicultural reality"

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A bill has been introduced in the House of Commons that will put into law the federal government's multiculturalism policy and programs of the past 20 years.

An act for the preservation and enhancement of multiculturalism in Canada, Bill C-93, tabled by David Crombie, secretary of state and minister responsible for multiculturalism, was given first reading last week. It is to be known as the Canadian Multiculturalism Act.

The bill "recognizes that Canadian society is a reflection of the historical contribution of peoples from a diversity of origins." It sets out a policy of promoting the understanding that multiculturalism is a "basic element of the Canadian heritage and identity" and acknowledges the freedom of all Canadians to preserve and share their cultural roots and languages, other than English and French.

Multiculturalism is also seen as "an invaluable resource in the shaping of Canada's future." The government commits itself to assisting social, cultural, economic and political institutions to be "both respectful and inclusive of Canada's multicultural character" and to employment equity for Canadians of all origins in federal institutions.

The business community, labor organizations, voluntary and other private organization will also be encouraged to respect "the multicultural reality" of this country.

The bill seeks to avoid, in the words of Crombie, ghettoizing multiculturalism by making it the responsibility of one government department. Rather, a "coordinated approach" among all ministries and federal institutions in the implementation of the multiculturalism policy is sought.

The bill also provides for support to individuals, groups or organizations for programs to preserve and enhance multiculturalism in Canada, as well as for the government's own projects related to multiculturalism. According to Richard Dicerni, assistant undersecretary of state for citizenship development, the multiculturalism department currently has an annual budget of about $20 million for such assistance.

The establishment of a multiculturalism council to advise and assist the responsible minister in the implementation of the multiculturalism policy is foreseen in the bill. The members will be appointed by the minister.

The minister will be required to make an annual report to Parliament, and a parliamentary committee will review the operation of the act on a permanent basis.

Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose said he is pleased the government has "enshrined in law the principles" it has been practicing for years. He said CJC will make a formal presentation to the standing committee on multiculturalism when it begins hearings on the bill, probably beginning in January.

Although CJC is still examining the text of the bill, Rose said generally CJC favors a separate multiculturalism ministry and the establishment of a commission on multiculturalism to oversee the implementation of the act.

At a briefing here for the media and ethnic community leaders, a video entitled Multiculturalism/Being Canadian was screened, in which Crombie spells out the intent behind the bill. He describes the bill as a necessary follow up to the 1982 constitutional agreement, which contains a clause recognizing the multicultural character and history of Canada, as well as the equal rights guarantees in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Canada has had an official multiculturalism policy since 1971, but has been practicing the philosophy since the mid-60s. The Multiculturalism Act is seen as complementing the rights set out in the recently amended Citizenship and Official Languages Acts. The bill was developed from a report issued by the standing committee on multiculturalism in June.

He notes that Canada has taken the lead in the world in promoting the notion of multiculturalism as an integral part of the national identity.

The bill has three main objectives, he said: integration of immigrants, encouragement of pride in one's heritage, and the fostering of community or race relations. The broad goal is to "create stability in society" through fostering an appreciation of the notions of equality, diversity and community.

"We are saying that Canadians have the choice and right to be proud of their own background and are asking that they extend that right to other people."

Having among its population peoples who have a knowledge of the language and culture of the nations Canada trades with is a beneficial byproduct of the multiculturalism policy many Canadians overlook, he said.

"The government believes the proposed act will be of historic significance," Crombie said. "Its intention is to strengthen our unity, reinforce our Canadian identity, improve our economic prospects and give recognition to historical and contemporary realities in this country."

CJC president Dorothy Reitman said she welcomed the bill, but added that the act "is but a foundation on which we must build. It is a first step; we still have a long road to travel."

She said CJC will make detailed proposals to further multiculturalism in its response to the Standing Committee on Multiculturalism report Building the Canadian Mosaic.

"CJC has long pressed for multiculturalism legislation to enact into law what is now a reality of Canadian life and that which was officially proclaimed by the federal government in 1971.

Friends of TAU choose Morton

MONTREAL —

Paul Morton of Toronto became the new president of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University at TAU's annual national board of directors meeting at the Montefiore Club.

Morton, the head of Global Television, succeeded Albert Latner of Toronto, who served a 3-year term.

The meeting reported a "substantial increase" in fund raising and "Canadian Friends' overall achievements in the past year. The incoming president lauded Latner for his "past leadership and generosity."

The meeting was also attended by TAU vice-president Col. (res.) Yehiel Ben-Zvi, and Lt. Col. (res.) Amos Gilboa, director of TAU's overseas student program. Gilboa presented a video on the program and reported that Canadian enrolment has increased from 18 to 50 over the previous year.

Named as national officers were: Paul Morton (Toronto), president; Albert Latner (Toronto), honorary national president; Marcel Adams (Montreal), national chairman of the board; Lawrence Bessner (Montreal), vice-president and treasurer; Harold Greenberg (Montreal), vice-president; Barbara Seal (Montreal), vice-president; Stanley Witkin (Toronto), vice-president; and Barry Spiegel (Toronto), secretary.

Twenty-five national board members were also elected. Seal and Witkin are the presidents of Canadian TAU's Montreal and Toronto chapters, respectively.

A reception in honor of the visiting Israelis was held following the meeting at the home of Marcel and Annie Adams.

The annual meeting was chaired by former national president Myer Bick.

Attending the national board meeting of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University were (from left) Montreal chapter president and national vice-president Barbara Seal and national board members Annie Adams and Norma Cummings.

Greek minister hopeful

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias told Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last week that he hopes his visit here will open a new chapter in bilateral relations, according to sources in the Prime Minister's Office.

Papoulias implied, in a later interview, that the question of de jure recognition of Israel and an upgrading of Greece's diplomatic representation in Tel Aviv will be tackled by Athens before July 1, when Greece takes over the presidency of the European Community Council of Ministers.

"I would not like to tie myself down on this. It is a matter that requires a decision by the Greek Council of Ministers. But if I want to be consistent with what I said before, that date is certainly relevant to the taking of a positive or negative decision," Papoulias said.

During his meeting with Papoulias, Shamir extended an invitation to Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou to visit Israel.

Shamir complained that the state of Greek-Israeli relations does not reflect the warm feelings people in both countries have towards each other. It was time to rectify this, Shamir said.

Disciplinary measures brought against soldiers

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron has announced a series of tough disciplinary measures against officers and men involved in the hang-glider attack on an Israeli Army base near the northern border (CJN Dec. 3).

He reprimanded a brigadier-general, relieved a colonel of his command of the Nahal brigade, and ordered that the operations officer and the duty guard at the Nahal camp, near Kiryat Shemona, be put on trial.

In addition, Shomron decided to appoint an officer from the General Staff to investigate what he termed "norms of action in facing the enemy."

The officer, who has not yet been named, is to investigate the behavior of officers and men in the Nahal brigade headquarters during the night of the attack.

These moves came at the end of an intensive inquiry by the Israel Defence Forces into the circumstances of the attack, which left six soldiers dead and seven wounded.

The investigation was critical of the intelligence branch, which failed to warn that Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command was about to resume attacks.

It was also critical of the anti-aircraft units which failed to detect and bring down the slow-flying hang-gliders.

The Nahal unit, which virtually ignored an alert and put up only scant resistance when the lone terrorist attacked its encampment, also came in for criticism.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Lubavitcher founder Rabbi Shneur Zalman Posner was released from St. Petersburg prison on Kislev 19 (Dec. 10 this year), 1798. Marked was the legalization of the chassidic movement in Russia.

Child prodigy Shneur Zalman, who applied to join his home town Losna's chevra kadisha (burial society) at age 10 — he was accepted as its shamash, beadle, and later inducted after his bar mitzvah — set out to learn chassidut at age 19. He sought out Dov Baer, the Maggid of Mezhirich, successor to chassidism founder Baal Shem Tov. The young rabbi's enthusiasm, knowledge and perception quickly earned him a seat among the favorites around the Maggid's table. He was also embroiled in the chassidim's struggle against rejection by other leading Orthodox authorities.

Leader of the mitnagdim (opponents) at the time was Rabbi Elijah ben Solomon, the Gaon of Vilna. Renowned as a saint, scholar, and mystic, the Gaon applied the total weight of his authority against chassidism. He denounced its early anti-intellectualism and popularized mysticism. He saw in its rapid spread another schismatic movement threatening the survival of Judaism. Communities across Europe, North America and the Middle East were still reeling from a near fatal mobilization to follow false messiah Shabbtai Zvi a couple of generations earlier. East European Jewry, ravaged by Bogdan Chmelnieki's Ukrainian hordes less than a generation before that, was particularly vulnerable. The Gaon ordered a cherem (excommunication) on the chassidim and the burning of their books.

Authored Tanya

In 1774, Shneur Zalman and his senior, Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk, travelled to Vilna in an effort to reach an understanding with the Gaon. The latter refused to see them. The chassidic movement continued to spread. Shneur Zalman authored the Tanya, the Lubavitchers' prime kabbalistic-philosophical tract. Shortly after the Gaon died, the struggle against the chassidim fell into less scrupulous and more desperate hands.

The rabbi of Pinsk and other leaders of a mitnagdim committee denounced Shneur Zalman to the government. They accused him of founding a new sect — this alone was forbidden in Russia — that endangered the state. They also said that his sending of funds to support chassidim in the Holy Land was aiding Turkey, a formal enemy of Russia. Short days after Succoth in 1798, a splendidly uniformed imperial officer arrived to lead the Rav (generation's leading rabbi), as he was now called by his followers, to the Fortress of Peter and Paul in St. Petersburg for trial.

Secret trial

Despite the Rav's plea for a 2-day delay, his captors set out for the long trip on erev Shabbat. At 3 p.m. on Friday, the carriage shattered its axles against a rock. They could only resume a day-and-a-half later. The next Friday, a halt was called voluntarily for the Rav's Shabbat. In prison, his stature and words convinced his guard and then the chief of police, Colonel Dundukoff, a former Jew, to bring him kosher food. The latter, seeking his blessing, warned the Rav of the pitfalls awaiting him before the judges. His avoidance of them and his exposition of chassidism impressed the judges. Their report impressed Czar Paul, always interested in conspiracy cases. According to legend, he disguised himself as an old man to meet the Rav in person, but was quickly recognized and acknowledged.

Details of the secret trial are scant. Its outcome saw the Rav's acquittal, approved by the czar, and Dundukoff's re-embracing of Judaism. Chassidism was exonerated. On Kislev 19, the prison ferryman rowed Shneur Zalman back across the river to freedom. The date has continued to be celebrated annually by the Lubavitchers to this day.

On Nov. 9, 1800, redoubled efforts by his enemy, Avigdor Chaimovitch, who by then had lost the rabbinate of Pinsk, led to Shneur Zalman's rearrest. The czar was assassinated on March 11, 1801. Uncertainties about his successor's sympathies proved irrelevant. In the act of special benevolence that a new ruler performed on ascending the throne, Alexander I unconditionally absolved the subject of the first case found on his desk — Shneur Zalman.

CJC backs Ontario move

Cities to decide Sunday openings

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Ontario government last week announced plans to allow municipalities to determine whether retail businesses can remain open on Sundays.

Citing difficulties in addressing the varied situations across the province, Solicitor General Joan Smith said "only a municipality can best address the appropriate solution in its locality."

Attorney General Ian Scott said municipalities will have in future control over regulating shopping hours seven days a week to "reflect their own assessment of their community needs.

"Ontario is changing," he said. "The patterns of life across Ontario are not all the same."

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Charles Zaionz applauded the decision. He said each municipality is better able to determine what is best for its community and hear from "the grass roots" what policy to adopt.

Zaionz, chairman of CJC, Ontario Region, said he would have been happier had the government passed a law to allow full retail opening on Sunday for businesses that close on Saturday. But it is difficult to adopt a policy for the Metropolitan Toronto area that is also applicable in rural counties, he said.

Bernie Farber, research director for Congress, said "we support a common pause day for families — it's within Jewish tradition — but it has to be fair and in keeping with a multicultural Canada."

Farber said he expected the decision will open up Sunday shopping or allow each business to choose its own pause day. That would allow businesses which close on Saturday to open fully on Sunday.

The government recognizes the present legislation is "unworkable and silly," Farber said. The Retail Business Holidays Act designates some areas such as Toronto's Chinatown and Harbourfront as tourist areas exempt from Sunday closing, while other areas, like the Eaton Centre and Yorkville — meccas for tourists — remain closed.

Smith acknowledged the blatant disregard for the law by a number of retailers was a factor in scrapping the existing legislation. Spadina Ave. furrier Paul Magder and Julius Goodbaum of Sunnybrook Foods — both of whom do business on Sunday — are challenging the constitutionality of the RBHA in two separate cases now before the courts.

Magder has won at Provincial Court, which ruled the RBHA unconstitutional. A decision in the Sunnybrook case is expected Dec. 23.

Smith said the government had two options: "To continue by minor adjustments and amendments to carry on with a piece of legislation which has resulted in a lessening of respect for the law, or to recognize societal change while accomodating local diversity and ensuring worker protection."

(Evidence presented to the court in the Sunnybrook case by pollster Martin Goldfarb indicated 82% of Ontarians opposed the RBHA and a majority supported Sunday shopping.)

Attorney General Scott said retail stores of any size can open on Sunday, Dec. 27, the day after Boxing Day, without fear of prosecution. Large retailers, such as the Bay, Simpsons and Zellers, had complained that under the RBHA they would be precluded from opening that day while businesses with less than 5,000 square feet and fewer than eight employees could open. They argued that was discriminatory under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Scott said the law was not intended to allow Sunday shopping when Saturday was a statutory holiday (in this case, Boxing Day). But, he said, "I don't think it's fair under those circumstances to proceed against another group of (larger) retailers who are in precisely the same competitive position (as businesses with the limitations.)"

In announcing the decision to place the responsibility on municipalities, Smith said Labor Minister Gregory Sorbara will introduce legislation to protect workers from being forced to work on Sunday.

Scott told reporters "you'd better recognize that all but retail workers can be required to work Sundays now — people who work in offices, in businesses, manufacturing, warehouses can all be required to work on Sunday now.

"The exemption for no work on Sunday goes to a relatively small group of retail workers and they value it highly. Efforts will be made to see to it that none of those workers will be compelled to work."

Spokesmen for some of Canada's largest retail chains lauded the government announcement. "It's long overdue," said James Kay, chairman of Dylex Ltd., which includes retail stores such as Fairweather, Thrifty's, Harry Rosen and Suzy Shier.

"It's what the people want and you have to give them what they want."

Barry Agnew, a spokesman for the Bay, said "we're delighted" with the decision. "Our main contention was to get rid of the discrimination and the segregation between large and small that we felt was unfair and prejudicial to our stores."

Last week the Hudson's Bay Company, which operates the Bay and Simpsons, asked Queen's Park to end the "inequities" created by the RBHA (that would have allowed smaller businesses to open on Sunday, Dec. 27).

Barb Beck, spokesperson for the Consumers' Association of Canada in Ontario, said "the people who want to shop on Sunday don't think of the worker who might want to be at home.

Anglican Archbishop Lewish Garnsworthy said if stores were allowed to open on Sunday, it would mean "taking away from the family a pause day, a day of rest."

The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which represent 45,000 retail employees in Canada "objects to Sunday opening under any conditions," spokesman Stephen White said.

"Our main objection is the effect it has on family life."

Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton said the city would have to open up Sundays if other municipalities did so since it would be unfair to Toronto businesses to do otherwise.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman said he's prepared to introduce a motion to city council next week that will designate all of North York a tourist area. That will allow for Sunday shopping before the law is introduced next spring.

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Jewish refugees

Between 1948, when the State of Israel was established, and 1953, the Jewish state, then struggling to maintain its equilibrium, took in 750,000 Jewish refugees.

More than three quarters of those refugees had been expelled from Arab countries in North Africa and the Levant. Historic Jewish communities in Iraq, Yemen, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria were brutally uprooted from lands in which they had lived for two millennia.

In the four decades of Jewish statehood those beleaguered refugees integrated themselves into the fabric of Israeli society and took their places in the nascent state. The children of that refugee community from Arab lands are now entering the political leadership of Israel.

Because of the euphoria surrounding the creation of Israel as well as the propaganda successes of Arab governments anent the Palestinians, the rightful claims of Jewish refugees from Arab countries have often been ignored — even by Jewish constituencies.

In leaving their Arab domiciles under duress those Jewish refugees were denied legal due process and were stripped of their assets. Bank accounts were frozen and their funds transferred to government accounts. Real estate was expropriated. Personal possessions such as jewelry and money were confiscated, in many instances, at departure points.

Jews from Arab lands, whether they live in Israel or in the Diaspora, have never forgotten the incivilities to which they were subjected by Arab regimes during that grim period when they were forced to leave hearth and home. Nor have they forfeited their rightful claims to reparations from those same regimes.

Since Israel has no diplomatic relations with any Arab country save Egypt, it has been impossible for Jerusalem to represent the claims of those of its citizens whose rights were violated by Arab regimes in 1948 and thereafter.

The rights of those Jews in Israel and abroad cannot, however, await a peaceful settlement of the Mideast conflict. Jewish organizations have an obligation to lobby friendly governments — who do have relations with the Arab states in question — on behalf of those Jews who have rightful claims.

It's time that Jews expelled from Arab lands receive what is rightfully theirs.

French surrender

Andre Malraux, the minister of culture in one of General de Gaulle's cabinets, was once asked why the theatre, especially tragedy, was in decline in France.

"Because theatre," he replied, "has been replaced by politics." (La tragedie aujourd'hui c'est la politique.")

Malraux's pithy remark comes to mind in light of the recent decision by the government of Jacques Chirac to trade French hostages held by an Iranian-backed terrorist group in Lebanon for the departure of Wahid Gordji, an Iranian translator who has been hiding in the Iranian embassy in Paris for the last four months.

Whereas French theatre has traditionally had a high moral tone, France's political theatre reeks of immorality. The French government, eager to repair ties with Teheran, has permitted a man implicated in the death and wounding of more than 100 French citizens in a series of bombings in 1986 to leave France even though he had no diplomatic immunity.

In arranging for Mr. Gordji's departure, France has duplicated its 1977 release of Abu Daoud, the notorious Black September terrorist, who was implicated in the Munich massacres. The characters have changed but the music remains the same.

It is ironic that the Chirac government's shameful surrender to Iran's blackmail occurs in the same period that Jean Francois Revel's new book, *Terrorism Against Democracy*, has just appeared in Paris.

Revel, one of France's leading intellectuals, has written a case study of the way in which Western governments have humbled themselves in indecent ways in their dealings with terrorist groups and terrorist states. In his study Revel chronicles the hypocrisies and self-deception which animate the policies of those states.

Mr. Revel will have to add an additional chapter in the next edition of his book to take into account his own country's readiness to negotiate with those who are sworn to destroy the very foundations of western democratic society.

The melancholic spectacle of France accommodating Teheran bespeaks volumes about the moral tone of the French leadership.

Jews are the principal targets

Spotlight on Canadian racism

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Canada is seen to be a liberal democracy where tolerance of religious and ethnic minorities is an enshrined principle. But Canada's overall record, good as it is now, is tempered by the existence of rampant anti-semitism in the pre-World War II period and by the proliferation of anti-semitic groups today.

Two recently published books highlight the problem — *Is God a Racist (University of Toronto Press, $16.95 paperback)* and *The Riot At Christie Pits (Lester & Orpen Dennys, $26.95).*

The first, by anthropologist Stanley Barrett, deals with extreme right-wing groups whose common denominator is Jew hatred. The second, by sociologists Cyril Levitt and William Shaffir, examines the events surrounding Canada's only race riot.

In his preface, Barrett — a professor of anthropology and sociology at the University of Guelph — explains that when he began his study he was mainly concerned with white supremacist attitudes towards Blacks. "Yet it soon became apparent that the principal targets of the right were Jews... Racists want Blacks 'in their place,' but want Jews to stop existing."

He distinguishes between "radical right" organizations that are anti-Black, anti-Jewish and prone to violence, and "fringe right" groups that reject anti-semitic and anti-Black beliefs and disown violence.

Radical right groups

Barrett, whose book is based on countless interviews, reports that Canadians of East European and British stock are the two dominant ethnic groups in radical right movements.

He begins with an examination of **David Stanley,** a Toronto youth who promoted neo-Nazism in the early 1960s and who later recanted and apologized to Canadian Jews for his past activities.

One of Stanley's converts, **William John Beattie,** went on to lead the Canadian Nazi Party, which in turn became the National Socialist Party. Today, the NSP is led by a man of German origin, **Martin Weiche, a wealthy London, Ont., building contractor who was a Luftwaffe pilot during the war.**

Beattie, like Stanley, "reformed" himself, describing his Nazi career as "a form of mental illness." But, as Barrett notes, he never gave up his racist ideas.

One of the most fascinating figures in Barrett's informative study is **Vilim Zlomislic,** otherwise known as **Donald Clarke Andrews,** leader of the Western Guard. Born in war-torn Yugloslavia, Andrews was brought here in 1952. Andrews, a public health inspector who flirted with the New Democratic Party before discovering racism, ran unsuccessfully for the Toronto mayoralty three times.

In 1976, he was charged with planning to disrupt an Olympic Games soccer game in Toronto involving Israel and with painting swastikas and racial slogans on synagogues and other buildings. For this, he was given a 2-year sentence in a federal penitentiary.

After his release, Andrews founded the National Citizens Alliance, which was soon renamed the Nationalist Party. It tried to qualify for tax exemption as an officially registered political party, but the Commission on Election Contributors and Expenses rejected its application.

John Ross Taylor, a former leader of the Western Guard, is also profiled by Barrett. Called the "grand old man of the radical right," Taylor hails from a privileged background. His British-born grandfather, a rich manufacturer, was a Toronto alderman. His father, a successful lawyer, married a woman who came from a prominent Boston family.

Barrett doesn't really explain how Taylor acquired his noxious views, but does point out that his involvement in radical right politics was clearly a "case of downward status mobility."

The author claims that **Ernst Zundel,** the ultimate Holocaust denier, had no "strong" anti-semitic or anti-Zionist views when he arrived in Canada, but did believe that Canadians of German descent were not getting a fair shake because of the war.

"... he soon drifted away from a mere concern about German-Canadian stereotypes to a full-blooded neo-Nazi line," Barrett writes.

Barrett's profiles of such tinpot racists as **Terry Long** (Aryan Nations), **Ron Gostick** (Canadian Intelligence Publications), **Geza Matrai** (Canadian Anti-Soviet Action Committee), **Jim Keegstra** and **Malcolm Ross** are also of interest.

In *Is God a Racist,* Barrett has produced a generally fine book. But the material, which is not always well organized, tends to be unwieldy.

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Toronto, in the years before World War II, was a parochial, provincial and puritanical city with a strong attachment to things British.

Ethnic minorities, such as Jews, Italians and Ukrainians, were considered outsiders. Jews, in particular, were linked with Communism. And anti-Communism was inextricably intertwined with xenophobia and anti-semitism.

During this dark era, discrimination was a daily fact of life for Jews, who constituted the largest minority in the city. Entire neighborhoods, as well as many jobs, were closed to them... all this at a time when Nazi anti-semitism was rearing its ugly head throughout the length and breadth of Germany.

The 1933 Christie Pits riot, the subject of the Levitt-Shaffir book, took place against the backdrop of the formation of a Swastika Club to protest the presence of Jewish weekend visitors to the Beaches area of Toronto.

Toronto's eastern beaches and parks were a favorite picnic ground for Jewish immigrants who could not afford to buy or rent a summer cottage or who lacked the means to stay at a resort, many of which discriminated against Jews.

Residents of the Beaches, Levitt and Shaffir write, did not like the sight of these foreigners, nor did they appreciate their ways.

Swastika flag hoisted

The Swastika Party, a concrete manifestation of their feelings, was established in the summer of 1933. The authors relate how, on Aug. 1 of that year, nearly 100 of its members paraded down the Beaches boardwalk, singing an anti-Jewish song to the tune of Home on the Range:

O Give me a home, where the Gentiles may roam,
Where the Jews are not rampant all day;
Where seldom is heard a loud Yiddish word
And the Gentiles are free all the day.

Leading members of the community, Jewish and non-Jewish, attacked the Swastika Club, whose members wore swastika pins. In reply, club spokesmen, disavowing any connection with Nazism, explained that its aim was to remove from their neighborhood "all obnoxious and undesirable elements who tend to destroy (the area's) natural beauty and property value..."

Spokesmen claimed, too, that Jews could join, provided they subscribed to their objectives.

The actual riot broke out on Aug. 16, after a softball game, when a huge Swastika flag was suddenly hoisted to shouts of "Heil Hitler." It lasted for about 4 hours and resulted in numerous injuries. Levitt and Shaffir speculate that it was caused by the movement of Jewish residents into a neighborhood that had once been free of Jews.

A day after its outbreak, the Swastika Club changed its name to the less menacing Beaches Protective Association. But it was merely a cosmetic change.

The damage had been done.

The Riot At Christie Pits, which is an extended monograph, is a welcome addition to the literature of anti-semitism in Canada. But, regrettably, it is not a first-rate work. It is long-winded and tends to ramble on too much. Tight editing would have been appropriate.

Protesters demonstrate against Ernst Zundel in January 1984.

Opinion

Maintains he's basically a passionate teacher of ideas

Publisher Lester can say mission accomplished

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's understandable that Malcolm Lester studied to be a rabbi before he switched to book publishing.

After all, the word "rabbi" implies "to teach."

And Lester, the bearded, owlish Canadian intellectual — who once found the Reform theology courses at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati not mentally stimulating enough — maintains he's now basically a passionate teacher of ideas.

As president of Lester & Orpen Dennys, about to celebrate its 15th anniversary as Canada's pace-setting publishing firm, he considers himself a literary teacher with a double mission.

At the present height of the Chanukah gift book-buying season, the 49-year-old publisher can proudly say of both his goals: "Mission being successfully accomplished."

Mission 1: To publish the first comprehensive, authoritative yet popular pictorial history of Canada in one volume.

That project had its genesis three years ago when a friend brought him a handsome copy of the *Oxford Illustrated History of Britain.*

"What a great idea for Canada!" said Lester.

Encouraged by the success of Mel Hurtig's best-selling 3-volume edition of *The Canadian Encyclopedia,* Lester took a $500,000 gamble. Seven Canadian historians, in tandem with John Lee, designer of artist Robert Bateman's wildlife books, were commissioned to put together *The Illustrated History of Canada.*

It's a beautiful, anecdotal 575-page creation, containing more than 250 black-and-white illustrations and 48 color plates, priced at $39.95.

Lester anticipated a sale of 50,000 copies. But it has almost doubled that so far, becoming a Book of the Month Club main selection in Canada, and grossing a record $1.5 million for his firm.

Lester credits its bestseller status to recent controversy over Canada's proposed free-trade agreement with the U.S.

"The debate has touched off a lot of questions about our identity," he was saying in a CJN interview in his book-cluttered office on the top floor of his firm's 3-storey, gray-brick Victorian building on Sullivan St. off Spadina in Toronto's Chinatown.

"People are asking: 'What does it mean to be a Canadian? Is this country worth preserving? How are we different from Americans? What are our roots?' This volume gives the answers."

Mission 2: To persevere in publishing worthwhile books of Canadian Jewish interest.

"We saw that void years ago," Lester now says, "and we became the only publishing company in Canada with a firm commitment to Canadian Judaica."

This season he has published four such significant books.

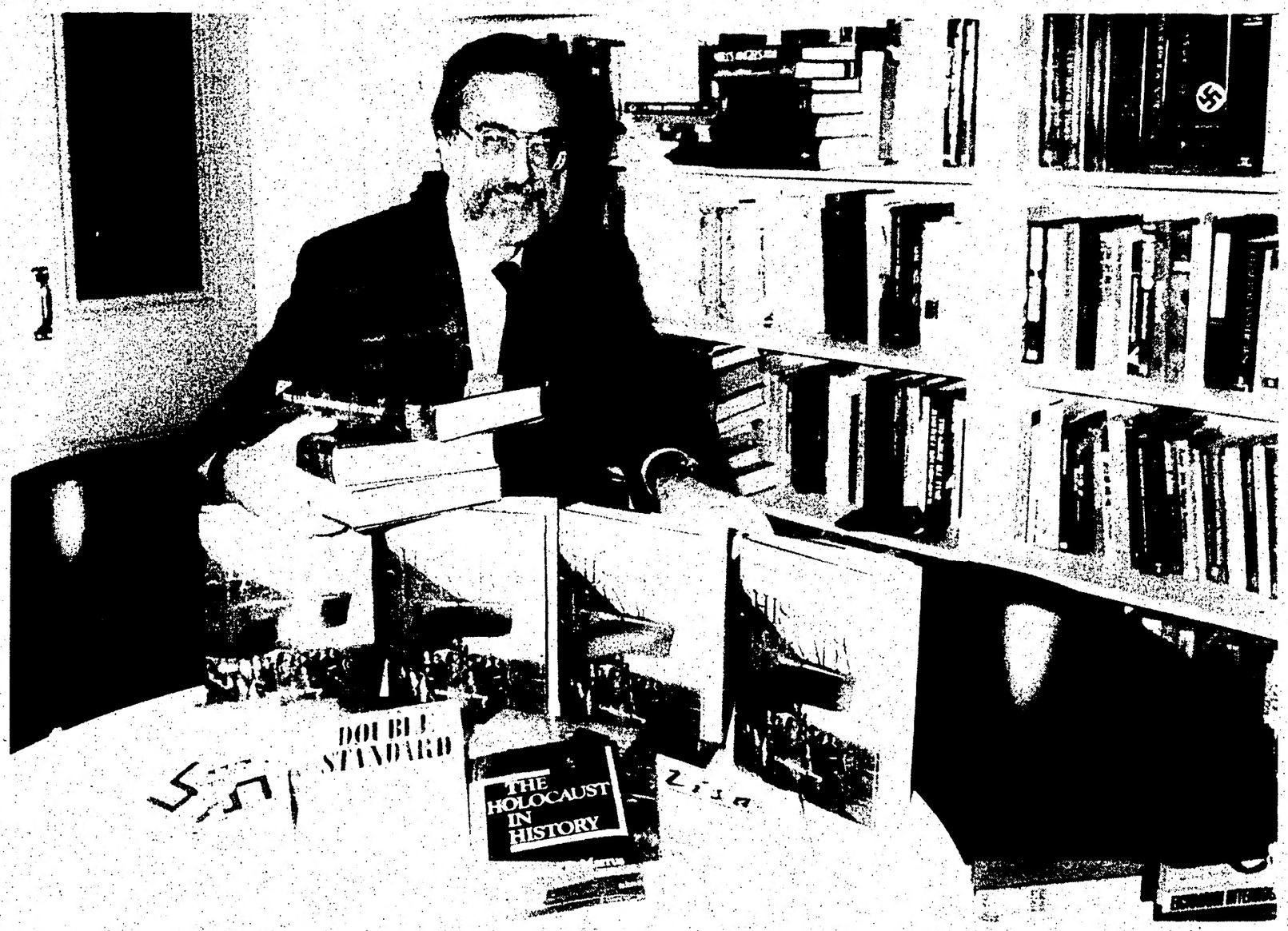
One is *The Holocaust In History* (256 pages, $22.95), by University of Toronto history professor Michael R. Marrus. It is a penetrating study of the Holocaust in the context of World War II, and is an essential reference book.

Provocative portrait of anti-semitism

Another is *The Riot at Christie Pits* (352 pages, $24.95), by two sociology professors at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont., Cyril Levitt and William Shaffir. It is a provocative portrait of anti-semitism in Toronto of the 1930s, culminating in the outbreak of a 4-hour racial riot between Jewish athletes and incipient Nazis who were members of hoodlum Swastika Clubs.

A third is *Lisa* (192 pages, $10.95), by Winnipeg novelist Carol Matas. It is a suspense thriller for young adults aged 11 and up about a young Jewish girl who helped the Danish resistance movement combat the Gestapo when Hitler invaded Denmark in 1940.

The fourth is *Double Standard: The Secret History of Canadian Immigration* (320 pages, $22.95) by Reg Whitaker, professor of political science at York University. It exposes the myth of Canada as a supposed haven for refugees, and two of its chapters document shockingly how Nazis were able to enter Canada more easily than Jews who had been brutalized at their hands.



Malcolm Lester, president of the trail-blazing publishing firm of Lester & Orphen Dennys, displays Canadiana and Judaica books which would be ideal Chanukah gifts. [Graphic Artists photo]

Lester hopes it will be a sequel to that devastating blockbuster, *None Is Too Many,* by Toronto historians Irving Abella and Harold Troper. A dramatic examination of how Prime Minister Mackenzie King's immigration department slammed the door on Jewish refugees during World War II, it became a surprise bestseller of more than 25,000 copies.

"That book reflected my philosophy that ideas *do* matter," says Lester. "It proved you can alter the way people think through books that embody powerful ideas.

"It changed the way we thought about Canada as a compassionate country. The book's title passed into the language. You inevitably hear it mentioned in current debates on Canada's immigration policies."

Not all the Jewish-oriented books listed by Lester are grim. His stable of authors includes Morley Torgov (nicknamed Turgenev), twice winner of the Leacock Award for Humor, writing about growing up Jewish in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. *(A Good Place To Come From, The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick).*

Other titles include Rabbi Gunther Plaut's autobiographical *Unfinished Business;* Harry Gutkin's *Journey Into Our Heritage: The Story of the Jewish People in the Canadian West;* and *The Spice Box: An Anthology of Jewish-Canadian Writing.*

He tends to shy away from publishing conventional sexy novels and how-to books. But for the last few years his firm has published the *Official Blue Jays Baseball Guide.*

"People were surprised that an intellectual like me would publish a sports book like that," said Lester, his brown eyes beaming amiably behind rimless spectacles. "But I love baseball. I like the idea of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team being one of our authors. We've done well financially with the Blue Jays."

People were likewise surprised when he decided to publish *The Bass Saxophone* by Joseph Skvorecky, a then unknown Czech refugee who had immigrated to Toronto. It was a delightfully entertaining book about the joys of playing illicit jazz behind the Iron Curtain.

"I love jazz," says Lester. "I like it whether it's jazz of the 1930s by Louis Armstrong and Fats Waller or cool modern jazz by Miles Davis and Gerry Mulligan. The fact that *The Bass Saxophone* has since been translated and sold in 13 countries demonstrates that music cuts through all boundaries."

He inherited his passion for culture from his parents, Lionel and Pearl Lester, now in their 70s and living in Florida.

His immigrant father, a self-educated voracious reader, used to operate the so-called movie art theatres, the Keno and Studio, on College St. at Manning. His mother, also an ardent bibliophile, was an amateur pianist and actress who performed with the Holy Blossom Temple Players.

Their son was thinking of going into the movie business. But he changed his mind after getting his MA in philosophy and math at the University of Toronto. He chose instead to study for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College.

Unhappily, he soon grew disillusioned.

"Perhaps my youthful appraisal was too harsh," he acknowledges. "But I felt then the college was spiritually empty. The students weren't interested in studying the theological underpinnings of the Jewish faith. They didn't care about thinkers like Martin Buber or Emil Fackenheim.

"They seemed more interested in pastoral counselling and becoming rabbinical authority figures in the community. I dropped out."

By a fluke, when returning to Toronto in 1964, he consulted the yellow pages of the telephone book under publishers, and it turned out that Holt, Rinehart and Winston was seeking a man with his exact qualifications to edit a new book series on mathematics.

Nine years later he joined forces with Eve Orpen, a Vienna-born, promotion-wise editor with an unusual past. She was educated in a Roman Catholic convent, actually met Hitler, and didn't know she was Jewish until the Nazis began their purge of Austria.

She and Lester scrounged together a capital of considerably less than $50,000. "Banks wouldn't lend us money because they didn't rank the ephemeral world of books and ideas as valid collateral," says Lester bitterly. "If we'd wanted to borrow money to buy our own presses, that was the only kind of real property they understood."

They launched their publishing firm with a phenomenal success. Titled *To You With Love,* by Canadian poet Terry Rowe, it was cunningly packaged as a gift book of sentimental verses for Mother's Day in 1973, and sold a remarkable 30,000 copies in three hardcover editions.

Orpen died in 1978 from cancer, and Lester's new partner was the highly literate editor, Louise Dennys, who came from a distinguished book publishing family. Her cousin, Graham C. Greene, is owner of Britain's Jonathan Cape publishers; her uncle, Graham Greene, is the internationally renowned author.

The Canadian partners collected and published Graham Greene's autobiographical prefaces to his novels under the title, *Ways Of Escape,* and they sold subsidiary rights to publishers in the U.S., England and elsewhere.

Why have they succeeded in Canada, while other small publishing houses have failed?

They have been trailblazers in publishing rather than distributing books in Canada by internationally known authors (Graham Greene's *The Tenth Man;* Joan Didion's *Miami;* P. D. James' *A Taste For Death).* And 20 to 25% of their business is based on lucrative sales of Canadian-authored books to foreign countries (Skvorecky's *The Engineer of Human Souls;* the George Jonas Israeli thriller, *Vengeance).*

As a result, Lester's firm, which began as a 2-person operation with annual sales of a paltry $50,000, today has a staff of 14 and expects to gross $2.5 million this year.

Lester realistically warns amateur authors, "Your chances of being published by our house are very slim." His firm gets more than 1,000 manuscripts and sample chapters mailed to them each year.

"Everything that comes in 'over the transom' is read by our staff of professionals, but we publish less than 1% of unsolicited manuscripts," he says. "Most of the 25 titles we publish annually are either commissioned or are submitted by established literary agents who understand our needs."

Casual literary courtship

Currently, for example, he has assigned experienced authors to write biographies of Glenn Gould, Oscar Peterson and former Prime Minister Lester Pearson, and will be publishing Skvorecky's new collection of essays, *Talkin' Moscow Troubles.*

Unlike the giant conglomerate mega-publishers in New York, says Lester with amusement, his firm skips posh lunches with authors and uses highly informal techniques to solicit their manuscripts.

As an example of how casual the literary courtship can be, he cites how he happened to obtain *The Holocaust In History* by Prof. Michael R. Marrus.

"I only knew Mike peripherally when we chanced to meet at Knob Hill Cleaners on Bloor St. near Major, where we both took our shirts to be laundered," he recalls. "Mike mentioned, when we were waiting to be served at the counter, that he was working on a book about the Holocaust."

"Sounds interesting," said Lester. "Let me have a look at it when you're through."

So he did, and so another socially significant book dealing with Judaism got published. Using baseball argot, Lester, the impassioned communicator of ideas, believes it will help bolster his company's recent winning streak.

"Most other Canadian publishers are batting less than .200," he says. "But our average at Lester & Orpen Dennys nowadays is close to .400. I'd say we're batting okay."

Opinion

Nobel prizewinner Isidor Isaac Rabi

Orthodox Jew one of the stars of American physics

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Isidor Rabi (extreme left) with fellow scientists (from left) Niels Bohr, James Franck and Albert Einstein.

Isidor Isaac Rabi is, as John Rigden suggests, "one of the stars" of American physics. The winner of the 1944 Nobel Prize, Rabi, an Orthodox Jew, is still a revered figure in the field.

Instrumental in the development of the microwave radar system that played such a crucial role in World War II, he was one of two senior advisors to J. Robert Oppenheimer, who directed the program that led to the building of the atomic bomb.

In the early 1950s, he was chairman of the general advisory committee of the Atomic Energy Commission. When he retired from Columbia University in 1968, he had the distinction of having been the first faculty member to hold the prestigious title of University Professor.

Rigden, in *Rabi, Scientist and Citizen (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $31.95)*, points out that when Rabi started his career in the mid-1920s American physics was far from preeminent.

For the first several decades of this century, Europeans dominated physics. A minor incident illustrates the point. When Rabi, as a scholarship student, arrived at Hamburg University in 1927, he naturally went to the library and searched for the current issue of an American publication, Physical Review. He didn't find it, since American physics and its principal organ, Physical Review, were held in such low regard throughout Europe.

Within 10 years, all that had changed. Physicists like Robert Mulliken, Linus Pauling and Rabi thrust the U.S. into the forefront, a position it occupies today.

Born on July 29, 1898 in the small Galician town of Rymanow, Rabi was the son of a poor, uneducated and unskilled Jew who immigrated to New York City shortly after his son's 1st birthday.

Young Rabi spoke English on the streets and Yiddish at home. The reality of poverty was constantly present. David, his father, worked at odd jobs, scrimping and saving so that he could open a little grocery store. As it turned out, the store was never successful. The family lived in cramped quarters and took in two boarders to make ends meet.

Isidor Rabi was a good student but he was not inspired by school. Rabi looked elsewhere for inspiration. Perusing the shelves of the local branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, he came across books on astronomy. Decades later, he would say: "That was what determined my later life more than anything else — reading a little book on astronomy."

Although fascinated by astronomy, Rabi realized he could not make a living out of it, and switched his interest to electricity. When he was still in elementary school, Rabi wrote his first scientific paper, which appeared in Modern Electrics. Rabi's bar mitzvah speech was unique. It was entitled How the Electric Light Works.

In 1916, armed with two scholarships, Rabi entered Cornell University. It was not a happy period for him, Rigden writes. As he put it to the author: "This was where I encountered a lot of... anti-Jewish sentiment... (Because of this,) I never had enough confidence to get to know any faculty member..." In 1919, with a Bachelor of Chemistry degree in hand, Rabi was faced with the necessity of getting a job. Neither he nor his Jewish classmates got any offers.

Returning home to Brooklyn, Rabi obtained work as a chemist in a local laboratory, but he was bored by it, and left after a few months to become a bookkeeper. In 1923 Rabi entered the Graduate School of Columbia University, intent on studying physics.

A year later, as a result of a chance encounter with a professor, Rabi became a part-time tutor in physics at the College of the City of New York. He was fortunate to get it, but the long hours, heavy work load and incredibly poor salary discouraged him.

After receiving a stipend to study abroad (Rabi now had a Columbia PhD. in physics), he asked CCNY for a leave of absence. When his application was rejected, he decided to quit and go to Europe with his new wife.

There, he met people like Leo Szilard, John von Neumann and Werner Heisenberg, some of the finest minds in physics. Heisenberg, who would remain in Germany throughout the duration of the Third Reich, did Rabi a good turn by recommending him for a new position at Columbia University. Columbia needed a theoretical physicist to teach quantum mechanics, and Rabi, despite his Jewish background, was the ideal candidate.

By all accounts, he was not a brilliant teacher. Quoting one of his students, Rigden writes that while Rabi's courses were "extremely enlightening," their organization was "really pretty awful." His wife, Helen, put it succinctly: "He was not very good at explaining things... He takes so many things for granted... that he doesn't stop to explain anything in detail. He jumps."

In 1940, just before the U.S. declared war on Japan, Rabi was appointed associate director of the radiation laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which employed 4,000 people.

Under Rabi's overall direction, the rad lab came up with airborne and shipboard radar that helped break the back of Nazi Germany's submarine offensive. During the D-Day Allied amphibious invasion on June 6, 1944, rad lab radar systems were used with devastating effect.

A year prior to winning the Nobel Prize (for his method of recording the magnetic properties of atomic nuclei), Rabi was asked by Robert Oppenheimer whether he would like to join him in Los Alamos, where the Manhattan atomic bomb project was well underway.

Rabi turned him down. He did not want to leave his family; he thought that the chances of success for the Los Alamos project were 50/50 at best; he was strongly opposed to using an atomic bomb in warfare. Eventually, he agreed to become one of Oppenheimer's key advisors.

He changed his mind, Rigden explains, because he was not a pacifist. Still, after the war, Rabi turned his thoughts to the peaceful uses of nuclear fission, a goal to which he remains committed.

Isidor Rabi, physicist extraordinaire, knows that its awesome power must be handled with the greatest of care.

Addressing the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, in Geneva in 1971, he ended by saying: "We can hope that if indeed we survive into the future, that men will realize deeply that their most noble goal is to understand themselves within the universe and that this goal will override all the petty and parochial aims that so disturb the peace and endanger mankind's future existence."

Truer words were never spoken.

Well-meaning greetings aside . . .

Chestnuts not roasting on these fires

By
MAXINE FISCHBEIN

EDMONTON —

"Tis the season," once again, when the Jewish pockets of people in a predominantly Christian society find new reasons "to be jolly." If we didn't, we'd weep.

Just the other day I received another Christmas card from a well-meaning Christian acquaintance who knows, somewhere in the back of her mind, that I do not celebrate Christmas. This was not a generic "season's greetings" type card. Neither was it a Chanukah card. It was a baby-in-a-manger Christmas card from a woman who ordinarily professes to march to the beat of a multicultural drummer.

I promptly decided, tit-for-tat, that I may respond by sending her a Chanukah card. Perhaps I will do the same for all those friends and acquaintances who, knowing better, have sent me dozens of Christmas cards over the years. I'm making my list and checking it twice!

This will not, of course, be a statement against Christmas or those devoted to its traditions. I am, after all, completely in favor of Peace on Earth and Goodwill towards Man (and Woman, for that matter). I enjoy watching all the good cheer and bright lights, too. Not one December goes by that I don't take a drive along Candy Cane Lane to enjoy the creativity and esthetic symmetry of neighborhoods dressed in holiday style. And each time, I renew the vow that I shall not purchase a home in the neighborhood and create a "black hole," since Jews, as a rule, do not string up Christmas lights.

Neither do most of us sing Christmas Carols. In this we are joined by, among others, Sikhs, Hindus, Zen Buddhists and Muslims. Living in a Christian dominated society, however, I, for one, have been to my share of staff Christmas parties where friends and colleagues have urged, even cajoled, me to join in the singing of such seasonal hits as Silent Night. As Christ is not *my* savior, I have always graciously declined. "Oh come, all ye faithless, finally to your senses," some of my buddies say. "So what if you're Jewish . . . Christmas is for everyone."

Wrong. Christmas is for those who choose to celebrate it. If they want Santa Claus, that's great — as long as I am not expected to perch myself on his knee. I enjoy the tinsel and pine needles and gifts of someone else's home, but they do not belong in mine. Vicariously, I enjoy the spirit and good cheer of friends for whom Christmas is a holy day. Genuine good cheer is contagious, after all, but the traditions are not.

How, then, can I explain this to neighbors and friends who, while knowing that I am Jewish, ask questions, year after year, along the lines of:

"Have you finished your Christmas shopping?"

"Do you have your tree up yet?"

"Have you done your baking?"

"What do you want Santa to bring you?"

I wonder if Santa himself would have any impact if he were to try to explain to these jovial and tenderhearted people that there are other religions and customs out here in this multi-religious, multi-ethnic society that keep non-Christians far too busy and fulfilled to worry much about their "lack" of Christmas.

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"Oh, yes! Cha-nook-ah. That's the Jewish Christmas, right?" This comment comes from a conversation I had with a fellow just recently. When I heard it, I said to myself, "Self . . . this is your chance to educate the man and keep the world safe for multiculturalism." I explained, in detail, the rededication of the Temple. I spoke of Judah Maccabee and the miracle of the menorah. I had thought I'd made clear that Chanukah has about as much in common with Christmas as Ramadan has with St. Patrick's Day.

I congratulated myself for enlightening the man until he took the proverbial wind out of my sails at the end of the conversation when he said, "Well, goodbye and . . . Merry Christmas."

The phone clicked before I could reply. I'm still not sure what I would have said. Perhaps something along the lines of, "Bah, humbug?"

My parents recall Christian acquaintances who, when I was a small child, worried aloud that a lack of Christmas in the household would scar my psyche. Alas, as far as I can ascertain, this dire prediction has not come to pass. Even as a child I didn't feel deprived. I was taught that our Christian friends had their traditions and we had ours — that every religious, ethnic and cultural group has its own unique and colorful threads to stitch on to the tapestry of Canadian life.

Some years back, a Chinese student of mine acknowledged the Jewish threads in a touching way. On Dec. 23, as he distributed Christmas cards to his other teachers, he presented me with a Rosh Hashanah card! His timing was way off, and God only knows where he found a Jewish New Year card in December, but the spirit was definitely there. It meant more to me than he will ever know.

Once again, this year, Santa Claus is coming to town. He isn't likely to make a stop at my place for several reasons. First, I don't have a fireplace, and second I am Jewish. When he and his reindeer pass me by, yet again, I'll hardly feel slighted. Christmas is, after all, best celebrated by Christians. As to us Jews, Happy Chanukah to all, and to all a goodnight.

Opinion

Recollections prompted by the weather

My mother's wisdom and current affairs

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My mother, of blessed memory, in addition to her lifelong activity in the Jewish educational field (Eitz Chaim), was also a very clever and even wise lady.

She had an inexhaustible stock of anecdotes, aphorisms and an endless resource of intonations, imitations and just vocal sounds that illustrated and conveyed her views, opinions and measurement of things and people.

J. B. Salsberg

When the weather was like our present sunless, drenching spell, she would treat us to many wise comments that she often attributed to her grandmother. She could also be devastating when, for instance, a woman we knew declared, for all to hear, that she would kiss the Lord's feet if He would heal her child.

These recollections are prompted by the weather and by things that happened to me these past days.

I visited my eye specialists who have some difficulty in readjusting my new lenses. She had experienced the same problem after her cataract operation. With a knowing smile that told us that she doesn't really mean what she is about to say, she would declare that in Lagov, where she and I were born, no such operations were ever made (the town didn't even have a hospital) and people were better off.

At such moments I would look at her with a twinkle in my eye and she would smilingly strive to save her pretended point of view and say: "Anyways, years ago people would go to Woolworth's (the 5 and dime stores) and pick a pair of glasses for 35 cents. . . ." Everyone laughed, not at her, but, most definitely, with her, for the playful scene she played out before us.

The other day I went to see a very sick friend. It was a heartbreaking experience. My mother, in a similar situation, came home and said that she will not visit that house again. The family of that sick one, she said, behave as if they were the messengers of the Malech Hamoves (angel of death): people must not give up.

My mother demonstrated her independence of the usual rules by managing to reach her middle 90s while living in her own home. She didn't give up.

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On reaching the editorial mansions of this paper today, I found a letter from a very respected, truly admirable member of our Toronto Jewish community whom I have known since he reached this country immediately after the First World War. He is now a "retired citizen" who gives unstintingly of his time and talents to various causes, but especially to those of the annual UJA campaigns.

I see him year after year at Toronto's famous Super Sundays, seated among scores of similarly dedicated people, in front of a telephone, with a list of either delinquent or totally non-giving members of our community in his hands whom he hopes to convince to become donors or **more liberal donors** than they were.

I never failed to stop at his desk, to chat with him for a minute and to show my respect and admiration for him.

Today I found a letter from that sterling man waiting for me. Unfortunately, he asks not to have his name publicized, but I hope that he will not object to having his letter placed in the archives of UJA.

His experience and concern reminded me of my mother's frustrating experiences in her never-ending "money raising" campaigns (alongside of Mrs. Itche Meyer Korolnick) for the "Talmud Torah." (In my parents home Talmud Torah could only mean Eitz Chaim.)

Mother was enraged when one of the canvassers reported to her that after being given $2 by a not-unknown "balebusteh" the donor asked: "Vifle bleibt ba eich, missess leben, fun die tswei dollar?" ("How much of the two dollars do you get?" . . .) But let's return to our correspondent, Mr. I.G.

"Hundreds of canvassers, he writes, give of their time and effort to help the UJA campaign, but some people give us the runaround like: They are not in; call later; call tomorrow; some drop the line; some tell you lies, like the check is in the mail," etc., etc.

Write about this, he pleads. And, I do. But:

The Toronto Jewish community as a whole is among the most liberal of "givers" and Toronto's quotas are among the highest in the world, in terms of population and in terms of the dedicated efforts of hundreds of good people like Mr. I.G. who make it happen. But, there are delinquents, as our good friend points out. They, as my mother used to say, must be shamed into giving or have "a mentshlech hartz put into their bodies" (a human heart).

So, be strong and persevere, Mr. I.G., biz hundert un tzvontzik" (until one hundred and twenty). At any rate, for no fewer years than my mother continued her good work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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IT PAYS TO PROTEST

I am writing about Paul Lungen's Nov. 19 article, "Memorial prompts protest."

It reported how a federal government employee named Harold Bliss had filed a grievance concerning a white cross displayed on a Toronto government building as part of a Remembrance Day memorial.

Bliss told his union that the display was "a definite affront to the Jewish people and ignores the fact that Jewish soldiers also died."

As a former air force sergeant, his worthy protest brought to mind what I experienced on Remembrance Day last year.

The T. Eaton Co. had a full-page ad on this occasion in the Toronto Star, in which crosses were featured.

I felt offended, as this gave the impression that only Christian servicemen sacrificed their lives.

I spoke to the person at Eatons responsible for this ad, and I expressed my misgivings.

I was told this matter was never seen in this light, and to avoid any controversy, they would discontinue this ad.

In fact, there was no ad from Eatons this year, which made me feel better.

Robert Baxter
Toronto

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CRITICAL OF LETTER

Re the Nov. 5 letter headed "Slams Orthodox Council," in which Robert David Katz attacks your front-page article about the Vaad Haraboním (Toronto's Council of Orthodox rabbis) who protested the decision of the Canadian Jewish Congress to oppose changes in Israel's Law of Return:

His letter demonstrates how much misinformation has been disseminated about the "Who is a Jew" issue.

It should be stated clearly: the controversy is *not* directed against Reform and Conservative Jews! It is only the *sham "conversions"* that are at issue — among them those performed by many Reform rabbis and by some Conservative rabbis.

The accusation in the ill-advised letter that Orthodox Jews would not defend their non-Orthodox Jewish brethren is repugnant.

Prof. Abraham Boyarsky
Montreal

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LETTER IS "INFLAMMATORY"

I am offended as a reader, as a child of survivors, and as a Jew, that an inflammatory letter such as that written by Robert David Katz be used.

In 1939, Hitler decided who was a Jew. In 1945, we were happy that anyone wanted to still remain a Jew.

In 1987, are we now so well established in the world community that we now have the temerity to question: Who is a Jew?

Members of my family, and six million others, already answered that question.

Dr. Joel Dimitry
National Chairman
Canadian Society
for Yad Vashem
Toronto

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LETTER IS "GARBAGE LETTER"

We are very dismayed at your editors for publishing hate letters in the Letters to the Editor section.

We refer to the letter by Robert David Katz who claims Orthodox rabbis would be indifferent to the slaughter of Jews.

We believe that Letters to the Editor should be a forum for discussing issues rationally or for expressing controversial ideas.

It should not be a forum for garbage letters.

Dr. Benjamin K. Fisher
Alice E. Fisher
Toronto

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RABBI RIGHT TO QUIT

Re the Nov. 19 letter by Rabbi Mordechai Glick headed: "Irate rabbi quits Congress."

As I recall hearing about it, The Canadian Jewish Congress came into being in 1919 as a parliament of Canadian Jewry that would be democratically elected and represent all the Jews of this country.

It became evident in a few short years that voluntary taxation of the Jew in the street could not meet the budget requirements.

The monied leadership that took over had good sense and Jewish loyalty with which it served the interests of the Jewish masses. But now there is a leadership that looks elsewhere.

In refusing to retract its gratuitous statement regarding Israel's Law of Return, it followed the lead of foreign, U.S., non-representative Jewish organizations.

It is no wonder, then, that Rabbi Glick resigned from the position of officer-at-large.

How long will it be before the executive resigns to atone for the distress that Canadian Jews have suffered?

Victor Parnass
Montreal

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HE PRAISES OUR PRAISE

Re your Nov. 12 editorial headed "Kudos to the CBC":

May I thank you for your generous comments about my film for the CBC, *To Mend The World*. It is the most important work of my career of 35 years as a filmmaker and writer.

I was more than pleased that the CBC was able to put it on television in prime time without commercials, and I agree it should be given full credit for doing so.

Harry Rasky
Toronto

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VOLUNTEERS INSPIRED HIM

As the 1987 Combined Jewish Appeal nears completion, I have begun to reflect on the experience from the point of view of a volunteer.

I am impressed with the commitment of my fellow volunteers.

However, I was even more impressed by the wisdom and dedication of the professional staff of Allied Jewish Community Services.

Campaign is more than a job to these hard-working individuals. Their dedication and leadership were an inspiration to me.

Daniel Elkin
Montreal

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LIGHTHEART, LOVELY LIGHT CLOWN

I agree with Frank Rasky's recent arts accolade to Kim Lightheart, praising her emergence as a lovely light comedienne of the National Ballet as airy as her name.

You published a photo of Karen Kain, but neglected to show Lightheart doing her clowning best with Jeremy Ransom in the production of La Fille Mal Gardee.

Would you please rectify that omission? She's now my favorite ballet clown.

Jerome Greenberg
Toronto

CONGRESS, GO ANTI-NUKE!

We wish to congratulate Dorothy Reitman and the Canadian Jewish Congress for being outspoken on such issues as capital punishment and immigration.

Jews have historically been active on such wider issues of social justice, and it is heartening that Canadian Jewish leaders are supporting positions which promote the enhancement of life.

One area in which we hope the Canadian Jewish Congress will become even more active is the urgent need to pressure both the Soviet and U.S. leadership to reverse their nuclear arms build-up.

If there's a nuclear war, which means the end of life on this planet, Jews won't be exempt from the consequences.

Frieda Forman
Bertha Bockner
Ben Carniol
Shalom Disarmament Group
Toronto

EDITOR'S NOTE TO LETTER WRITERS

The Canadian Jewish News strives to serve the total Jewish community in Canada. In doing so, we try to present a balance of divergent viewpoints. Although we carefully screen letters submitted for publication in this department, we sometimes fall short of achieving the balance we seek. We regret if immoderates occasionally seem to monopolize this space, and in the future hope to curb a lack of balance more vigilantly.

Reader regards Kim Lightheart, shown with Jeremy Ransom, as his favorite ballet clown.

World-National

Motion prompts lively discussion at executive meeting

CJC Quebec Region backs Law of Return stand

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress' Quebec regional executive last week defeated a motion calling on its national executive to rescind its support of the Law of Return's status quo until the issue could be considered at the next CJC Plenary Assembly.

The resolution was rejected by a margin of 12-8, with seven abstentions, at a meeting of the CJC regional executive committee.

But the motion prompted a lively discussion among members of the executive.

Rabbi Ronnie Fine, a member of the Lubavitch community, distributed an Orthodox position paper on the "Who is a Jew" issue, and told the meeting he would consider resigning from the executive unless he received assurances that Congress had not closed the door to further discussion of the matter.

"If I feel I can do something within the organization, I might have a place," Fine said. As far as resigning is concerned, "I'm hoping it won't come to that," he said, adding that the Congress position was not "representative" of Canadian Jewry and that it "decided a serious issue without the authority of its constituents."

Fine told The CJN that the closeness of the vote showed there is "no unified voice" regarding Congress' position. He asserted that the resolution would have been supported by at least two other members had it not been decided by an open show of hands.

Other executive members took issue with the resolution and with Fine's position.

Rabbi Meyer Krentzman rejected the notion that the CJC national executive had addressed a religious issue. Rather, he argued, Congress' intent in joining the coalition of North American Jewish organizations objecting to the Law of Return's amendment was based on the principle of "keeping politics out of the religious sphere" of Israeli life.

"This resolution is improper because Congress had to act, and it did act," he said.

While also opposing the motion, executive member William Abrams called on Congress to rethink its statement that the organization "took no position regarding any issue of religious status" since the Law of Return is a secular enactment.

"For CJC to use that rationale . . . is unrealistic," Abrams told The CJN, since Congress represents all Canadian Jews, both religious and non-religious. "CJC can't do that and say it's a purely secular organization," he told the meeting.

Congress did "the right thing" in joining the coalition, he said, but it should go further by evaluating whether its religious affairs department should represent the interests of "synagogue Jews" in Canada, instead of insisting that it deal only in secular matters.

In her national update, CJC president Dorothy Reitman said recent talks between CJC leadership and Orthodox rabbis have led to a "greater understanding" over their respective positions.

"There was a lot of concern that dialogue should go on across the country, and it will go on." Congress supported the coalition, she said, because of the concern that the "Who is a Jew" issue, once thrust into the political realm, "would affect the Diaspora more than Israel."

Felix Lazarus, who submitted the resolution, told the executive that his motion was prompted by the "disunity" the CJC's decision was engendering between the Orthodox community and Congress, where there is already "very little contact."

"When it happened, they reacted," he said.

Moreover, the issue is of such importance that it should be addressed at a national CJC plenary assembly and not by CJC's national executive. "It has been discussed for centuries, and due to the response of the Orthodox community, it can wait until the next plenary," Lazarus said.

Despite the motion's defeat, Lazarus stated he still intends to bring the matter up at the next CJC plenary assembly, slated for 1989 in Montreal.

Meanwhile, Rabbi David Sabbah, Chief Rabbi of the Sephardi communities in Quebec, has sent a telegram to the congress of the World Sephardi Federation, under way in Jerusalem, criticizing the wording of the Law of Return and urging a change.

Sabbah told federation president Nissim Cohen and delegates: "Hearken to the cry from the soul of Sephardic Jewry in exile. Make it one of the major decisions of Congress to call upon the Israeli government to rectify the Law of Return by stating clearly "A Jew is one who is born to a Jewish mother or one who converts according to the halacha.

"Such a proclamation will be a source of Jewish pride and identity and, with G-d's help, will give the members of our congregations the spiritual strength to fight assimilation.

Agudath Israel's leaders rap Reform

SWAN LAKE, NY (JTA) — Orthodox Jewish leaders meeting here attacked leaders of Reform Judaism for allegedly trying to undo the religious status quo in Israel and vowed to overturn a recent Jerusalem municipal court ruling allowing the opening of movie theatres there on Friday nights (CJN Dec. 3).

The leaders and nearly 3,000 delegates attending the 65th national convention of the Agudath Israel of America also heaped scorn on world Jewish leaders who enter into dialogue with the Vatican.

Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of the Agudath Israel of America, declared in his keynote address that "Jewry's face should flame with shame that a Jewish court in Jerusalem could issue such a decree against the Sabbath, particularly after the unchallenged acceptance of these laws for 30 years under the non-Jewish British Mandate and for 40 years under the State of Israel."

He vowed "action and not just tears," adding that "in Israel, they must know that religious Jewry throughout the world will not sit silently by and permit Jerusalem to be turned into another Paris."

Sherer accused Reform leaders of supporting reversal of Jerusalem's Sabbath laws and other "status quo" accommodations and "making a deal with Israeli politicians in order to import their ersatz brand of Judaism to Israel" and "cunningly manipulating the media to poison the minds of the public to resent Orthodox Jews."

He expressed outrage at the Reform movement's recent decision to bring its own "version of Judaism" to Jews in the Soviet Union. "The last thing needed by these heroic Jews, who are risking so much to reclaim the Torah . . . is to be misled by American Reform rabbis who teach that Torah is not inviolate," Sherer said.

At another convention forum, Rabbi Nosson Scherman, a scholar, author and editor of Artscroll Publications, assailed "the so-called 'Jewish leaders' [who] scurried to Castel Goldolfo (the papal summer residence) to confront Pope John Paul with their angry protests and righteous demands, emerged from the audience with beatific smiles, then converged in Miami for the long-planned love-fest on television.

"They announced as a positive result of this meeting a conference on the Holocaust, and now, lo and behold, that too has not materialized," Scherman said.

He observed that Torah scholars revered by Orthodox Jews have consistently ruled that it is permitted and often required to deal with the church on issues of common concern, while they specifically forbid religious dialogue or extension of "craven honors" to other faith communities, often initiated out of concern for headlines rather than the true welfare of Jews.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — The battle between ultra-Orthodox and secular Jews over mandatory enforcement of Sabbath observance in Jerusalem did not end when a local court ruled recently that a city ordinance forbidding the opening of movie theatres on Friday nights was invalid.

The fight has been taken by the Orthodox to the Knesset, the cabinet and into the streets. Given the delicate balance of Israeli coalition politics, the victory won by Jerusalem's non-observant community may be short-lived.

Thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews disrupted traffic last week on Jaffa Road, one of the main arteries of the capital, in a mass demonstration against Sabbath desecration. They recited prayers of mourning and waved signs reading "Observe the Sabbath" and "The KGB has come to Israel."

One of them told a reporter that "the court ruling has proven to us once again to what extent Zionism conflicts with the Torah."

The two Chief Rabbis, Avraham Shapiro (Ashkenazic) and Mordechai Eliahu (Sephardic), fiercely denounced the court's decision at a gathering of rabbis affiliated with the National Religious Party in Jerusalem. They said the situation has become intolerable and, if not rectified, the NRP could not remain in the government.

The possibility of a coalition crisis arising from the court decision was the reason for consultations held between the religious parties and both Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the leaders of Likud and the Labor Party respectively.

To. Vaad HaRabonim restates opposition to Congress move

TORONTO — In a recent statement, the Vaad HaRabonim of Toronto reaffirmed its opposition to the Canadian Jewish Congress' unilateral decision to involve itself in Israel's Who Is A Jew controversy (CJN Sept. 23).

The statement reads:

"The Vaad HaRabonim views with dismay the cavalier fashion with which the Jewish Congress, with the exception of Mr. Charles Zaionz of the Ontario Region, dismissed our initial protest against Congress involvement in issues inherently religious in nature.

"Common courtesy demands that a matter of such urgent nature receive both a respectful hearing and a written response to our vaad. To simply release a statement to a newspaper, to wit, "majority rules," constitutes an effrontery of considerable magnitude to the religious leadership of a very sizable segment of Canadian Jewry.

"We are, therefore, compelled to reiterate our earlier opposition to Congress involvement in religious issues, especially those carrying far-reaching consequences to the survival of the Jewish people as a viable and unique nation."

The statement is signed by vaad president, Rabbi Moshe Lowy.

Lowy told The Canadian Jewish News that Zaionz, chairman of CJC's Ontario region, explained the organization's position to a number of rabbis recently, "with tact and consideration." Said Lowy: "This broke up a lot of hard feelings."

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Gaon proposes delegation to Arab states

Sephardi body OKs reorganization

By ANDREW MUCHIN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Much of the discussion at a 3-day gathering of the World Sephardi Federation here last week focused on a controversial plan to restructure the hierarchy of the international organization.

The plan nearly prompted a walkout by the Israeli delegation to the federation's 3rd international congress. But that was averted when the federation agreed to amend the reorganization plan to include more Israeli representation in the policymaking echelons of the world organization.

World Sephardi Federation president Nessim Gaon of Geneva considers the restructuring to be a cornerstone of the congress, held Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 at the Laromme Hotel here. But it appears far more public enthusiasm was generated by an offer Gaon made at the official opening of the congress. Speaking to 400 delegates from 18 countries, Gaon declared that the federation is prepared to send an Arabic-speaking delegation to Amman, Jordan; Rabat, Morocco; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; or anywhere else to seek common understanding as the basis for diplomatic negotiations between Israel and the Arab world.

In his view, the common language, the experience of living among Arabs and the understanding that Sephardim have of Arab cultures can help not only in the eventual peace negotiations, but also in the vital task of building acceptance of Israel.

He added that the federation has no desire to circumvent Israeli government, but he noted too that no one has made a serious effort to make peace since the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat came here in 1977.

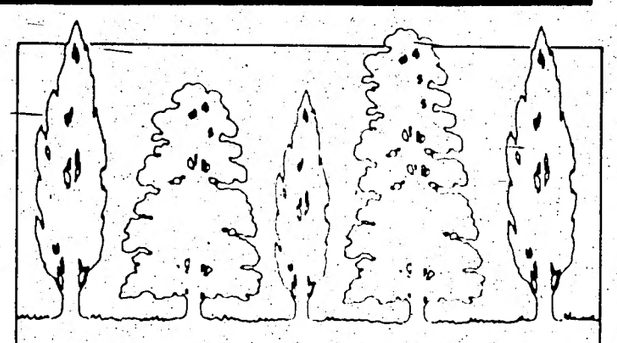
Foreign Minister Shimon Peres responded favorably to Gaon's offer to utilize delegations of Jews of Mideast origin to open channels of dialogue with Israel's Arab neighbors. The Sephardim can serve as a gesher (bridge) and as a shofar for peace, Peres told the federation delegates. His reaction, coming at the closing of the congress, was in marked contrast to that of Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who said nothing of the idea during his remarks to the congress, which immediately followed Gaon's opening speech. In fact, a federation leader seated near Shamir during Gaon's speech said the Premier was stewing.

Gaon expressed concern about Jewish disunity at a news conference preceding the congress. He said the federation would take strong action to prevent Sephardic children from falling prey to religious fanaticism. Non-Sephardic, ultra-Orthodox yeshivas in Israel, he and other leaders charged, have been luring impoverished Sephardic boys with promises of education and room and board, and in effect are turning them against their families.

Sephardim are religiously observant, yet tolerant, making them an easy mark for extremists, Gaon said. Of the world's estimated 13 million Jews, about 3 million are Sephardim, and about half of them live in Israel.

Nevertheless, he lamented, Sephardic culture has waned in Israel in the last generation because the recent Sephardic immigrants came without their teachers. They could not have continuity of culture.

Renewal of pride in Sephardic culture was one of several new directions urged by Gaon and other leaders during the congress. Others were increased assistance to Sephardim in Israel, promotion of religious moderation and improved Sephardic education in the Diaspora.



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Argentine Jews protest anti-semitic attacks

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)— Tens of thousands of Jewish demonstrators massed in downtown Buenos Aires last week to protest what they see as a rising tide of anti-semitism in Argentina.

The Jewish community of 250,000 here, by far the largest of any country in Latin America, has been badly shaken by a series of anti-semitic attacks, including a synagogue bombing and the desecraton of cemeteries.

The incidents followed on the heels of the arrest Nov. 13 of fugitive Nazi war criminal Josef Schwammberger, wanted for the mass murder of Jews in Poland during World War II. He was tracked down by Argentine authorities to a hideout in the northern province of Cordoba.

Adding to the alarm and anguish felt by the Jewish community was the recent discovery of the remains of two Jewish businessmen lying side-by-side on a grove outside Buenos Aires. The victims were Osvaldo Sivak and Benjamin Neuman, kidnapped in 1982. A former police inspector has admitted murdering Neuman.

The demonstration against the recent upsurge of anti-semitism drew some 30,000 Jewish demonstrators to the Plaza Houssay in downtown Buenos Aires. The protestors, some waving Israeli flags, carried signs reading "Violence is the voice of ignorance" and "Let's get rid of anti-semitism." The demonstration was the largest by Jews here in 25 years.

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BONN (JTA) — A representative of the federal prosecutor's office arrived in Buenos Aires last week with a mass of documentary evidence it is hoped will speed the extradition of Josef Schwammberger to stand trial in West Germany on charges of murdering thousands of Jews in Poland during World War II.

A justice ministry spokesman said the documents should help make a positive identification of Schwammberger and link him to killings and atrocities in the ghettos and slave labor camps of Przemsyl, Rozwadow, Stalowa-Woda and the concentration camp in Mielce.

But the authorities here acknowledged there may be difficulties. The main obstacle is that Schwammberger holds Argentine citizenship.

Bonn hopes the Argentine authorities can find a way to strip him of his rights as a citizen by proving that he lied about his Nazi activities when he applied for a passport around 1950. This is the method used by the United States Department of Justice against suspected war criminals who obtained American citizenship by falsifying their past.

According to justice ministry officials here, the Argentine government has promised to do everything possible to facilitate the extradition of Schwammberger. The former Nazi was arrested in Cordoba province in northern Argentina in October on the basis of information provided by several sources, including Simon Wiesenthal's war crimes documentation centre in Vienna and the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Israel interest rates soar

JERUSALEM — The Bank of Israel has come under heavy and unprecedented attack from all quarters as interest rates in the economy soared.

As of this week rates on loans and overdrafts will be about 30% in annual terms, after the commercial banks decided they could not resist the upward pressure on interest rates, which they claim stemmed from the central bank's policies.

The expected shock to industry and agriculture, and the feeling that the Bank of Israel was losing control, spurred politicians to intervene.

The governor of the Bank of Israel will soon be called upon to answer questions before the Knesset finance committee on the reasons for the surge of interest rates. The committee will also hear the heads of the Treasury and the commercial banks.

The committee decided to summon the heads of the banks and the Treasury at the initiative of Knesset Member Yair Tsaban (Mapam), who said the hike would harm Israel's productive sectors. Tsaban said the committee must not only be a forum for debate on interest rate hikes, but should also take practical steps to lower interest rates.

Bank Leumi, Bank Discount and First International Bank announced that they were raising the prime rate by 0.25% a month, 3% in annual terms. They were following the lead of Bank Hapoalim, which had introduced a similar measure the previous day.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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BROZOVSKY

Sam Brozovsky, of Ottawa, seeks information about his name.

It obviously stems from a place name in Poland. I could list about a half a dozen Polish villages and hamlets with the letters B, R and Z in combinations that would drive a typesetter to drink.

I have, therefore, arbitrarily chosen as most logical the village of BROSZKOW, which lies a little distance due east from Warsaw. I considered but ruled out the village of BRASZOWICE in southwest Poland near the Czechoslovakian border as less likely to have a substantial Jewish population.

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Slepak moves Canadians

Recently released Refusenik Vladimir Slepak donned a white-and-red Canadian toque at the rally. At microphone is Barbara Stern, chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewry Congress. [Wendy Rosen photo]

This young participant in the summit rally flashes a wide grin. [Wendy Rosen photo]

Ex-Refusenik: Others remain

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Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent.

Just as Barbara Stern, chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress and moderator of the meeting, was in the midst of announcing that the planned appearance of former Refuseniks Irina and Dahlia Brailovsky was cancelled because of tight scheduling, in walked a group of former Refuseniks including Vladimir Slepak, who has been dubbed the heart and soul of the Soviet Jewry movement.

The crowd roared when he donned a red-and-white Canadian toque, which most of the Canadians wore, and waved the Canadian flag.

In a moving thank-you to all Canadians, he urged them not to forget the Jews left in the Soviet Union.

This theme was echoed in the afternoon speeches by virtually every speaker from U.S. Vice-President George Bush to Scharansky — until there is freedom for every Soviet Jew you cannot, you must not rest.

A second key theme in all the speeches was that tokenism — the release of high-profile Refuseniks — is not enough. Just days prior to the rally, such long-term and recently refused Refuseniks as Alex Ioffe, and the Ratner-Bialy family, Viktor Fulmacht and their families have been granted permission.

(Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue quickly changed the name on their placards from Bialy-Ratner, its adopted family, to Klassin, the name of its next adoptee.)

In his address, Scharansky stressed that Jews will not be silent and will not be fooled by token releases.

"History will judge that we're right. Stand up, be counted and let our voices be heard. Their freedom and our struggle are the same."

•This story was written as CJN went to press. For more in-depth coverage and photos, see next week's edition.

Nakash extradited after 2-year battle

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — William Nakash, an Algerian-born Jew, was deported to France last week after losing a 2-year battle against extradition that raised the passions of nationalist elements in Israel and pitted the rabbinical authorities against the secular courts.

Nakash, under heavy guard, was taken handcuffed from prison to the ramp of an El Al plane at Ben Gurion Airport, where he was handed over to two French police officers sent to escort him to France.

He will stand trial there for the Feb. 22, 1983 murder of Abdelali Hakkar, an Algerian Arab in Besancon, a city in southern France near the Swiss border.

Nakash, 26, who fled to Israel nearly four years ago to escape an arrest warrant, was tried in absentia for the crime, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. The French authorities agreed recently to give him a second trial.

Although Israel's Supreme Court ruled last summer that Nakash should be extradited and the justice ministry signed the order, its implementation was delayed when the rabbinical court in Jerusalem banned his departure from the country.

The rabbis insisted Nakash could not leave unless he granted a divorce to his pregnant wife, Rina, who otherwise would become an aguna — abandoned woman — prohibited from remarrying under religious law.

The rabbinical court withdrew its ban last month after Nakash signed a "conditional bill of divorce." His wife was not at the airport to see him off. She told reporters she does not intend to go to France for the trial.

Nakash came to Israel in 1983 under an assumed name and was granted automatic citizenship under the Law of Return. His identity was revealed when he was arrested here for armed robbery. In the interim he had become a baal teshuvah — a Jew who returns to the religious fold — and embraced Orthodoxy. His cause was taken up by Orthodox leaders, notably Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, head of the Shas Party. Right-wing nationalists opposed his extradition on the principle that no Jew should be extradited to a Gentile country.

WZO candidate withdraws

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for WZO chairman withdrew from the race after his candidacy was rejected by Diaspora fund raisers.

Knesset member Mordechai Gur also pulled out of the contest when it became clear the Diaspora fund raisers on the Jewish Agency's board of governors didn't want him either.

Meanwhile, in an earlier election by Diaspora fund raisers, South African industrialist Mendel Kaplan was unanimously chosen to be chairman of the Jewish Agency's board of governors.

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Focus set on small cities

CJC committee's aim to revitalize Jewish life

By
RON CSILLAG

GUELPH, Ont. —

The Jewish community here, numbering 60 families, hopes to lead a movement to revitalize Jewish life in small, southwestern Ontario cities.

This week, an ad hoc committee composed of no more than 10 local community leaders will convene to plan a course of action to save what leaders say are stagnant, possibly moribund communities.

The so-called "focus group," in association with the Community Services Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, hopes to identify the most pressing problems facing Jews in towns like Guelph, St. Catharines, with 250 Jewish families, Kitchener (250 families), Burlington-Oakville (60 families), Sarnia (30 families), Niagara Falls and Brantford (30 families each), Chatham (13 families) and Stratford (12 families).

The group is seeking to determine what Jews in these areas want and need in terms of living fuller, more Jewish lives.

"We're hoping to identify problems," says Paul Klein, a Guelph engineer. "In these smaller centres, the communities tend to be apathetic and lacking in any sort of Jewish identity.

Southwestern Ontario's stagnant communities to be examined

Others have no identification with being Jewish at all. We're also hoping to stimulate the community — to get people to care about problems."

Klein said problems facing Jewish populations in small towns and cities are compounded by an ever-changing makeup: while some people move in, more move out — and it's usually younger people who leave, often to Toronto.

The committee will enlist the services of Cy Charney, a professional management consultant, to help it pinpoint Jewish concerns and needs more accurately.

Once concerns are better defined, a survey will be compiled by Claude Heimann, the market research director at Reader's Digest magazine. (Both Charney and Heimann will be donating their services.)

The survey will then be mailed to every Jewish family in the region to find out what their priorities are, Klein said.

"What we're also trying to do," he added, "is to involve the community in the formation of the survey's questions."

Klein said that two years ago, an informal group telephoned each Jewish family in the area in order to find out what was on their minds.

"We discovered they almost all wanted something more, but felt that something was lacking. They just couldn't define what it was."

Once all results are in, Klein's group will go to CJC's Community Services Committee, headed by Susan Jackson, and employ "real marketing techniques" to implement the recommendations.

"We hope to look at those things that will attract both adults and children," Klein said.

Simply attending synagogue once in a while or hearing an out-of-town speaker has not provided enough Jewish sustenance for small-town Jews, Klein noted.

"We're trying to improve a very intangible thing, and that's quality of life. Small communities, even though they're small in numbers, have important contributions to make. We hope the larger community will recognize the benefits than can flow from us."

For more information, call Susan Jackson at (416) 635-2883.

Canadians worked for his release

Edelshtein meets "cousins"

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

For newly-freed Soviet Refusenik Yuli Edelshtein, a recent visit to a Dewbourne Ave. home was like a homecoming.

The 29-year-old language teacher was given a warm welcome by 20 or so new Canadian "cousins." They sipped coffee, nibbled on cake and chatted.

It was barely 10 months before that hosts Selma and Gordon Edelstone were contacted by Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario Region Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Litwack, noting they had similar names, asked if they could help lobby for Edelshtein's release from the Soviet Union.

The Edelstones banded together with other Edelsteins and Edelsons in the phone book and began lobbying the government and writing pressure letters.

Miraculously their efforts paid off.

Edelshtein along with his engineer wife, Tanya, 29, and 12-year-old daughter Yael moved to Israel in July. They have settled in Alon Shvut where Edelshtein works as a Hebrew teacher.

"It was like a family party," an overwhelmed Edelshtein said of the joyful Toronto gathering in his honor.

"We chatted and just sat together and discussed some things. It was very interesting and very touching."

"It was an incredibly emotional feeling," agreed a delighted Selma Edelstone.

Edelshtein was in Toronto for five days as part of a month-long North American speaking tour to increase support for the Soviet Jewry cause.

During his trip here he visited the Ontario legislature and spoke to Jewish activists, groups and synagogues.

He was seriously ill in a Siberian labor camp when his Toronto cousins began working on his behalf.

Selma Edelstone and husband Gordon (right) are seen with Yuli Edelshtein. [Graphic Artists photo]

The English teacher, who had given Hebrew lessons to Jewish students in private Moscow homes, had been arrested in 1984 on a trumped-up drug charge and sentenced to three years as part of a KGB round-up of Hebrew teachers.

In January, 1986, he suffered a serious accident while doing heavy lifting in one of the labor camps. He injured his hips, pelvis and urethra.

Close to death, he was not operated on until six months later and he still receives medical treatment in Israel.

Despite the horrors of the work camps, Edelshtein said he never lost hope of his release.

Throughout his imprisonment his wife in Moscow badgered Soviet officials, writing letters and attending receptions. She also drew the Western media's attention to her husband's plight. Activitists in the free world soon began working on his behalf.

"I always knew of the support and always knew my wife was doing everything possible," Edelshtein said.

"I felt I would be released. It never occurred to me that I would stay there or die because I was sure one day I would come to Israel."

After spending two years and eight months in seven prisons and four camps, he was released last May. A month and a half later the family received permission to emigrate.

In a trip here sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Edelshtein told Jewish groups and activists not to fall into the trap of relaxing their lobbying efforts, even though it is hoped the recent mass Washington demonstration at the Reagan-Gorbachev summit will bring some results.

"With all the protests, I'm still afraid we may not reach all the results (we're hoping for)," he said. "And after such an effort people may be tired and may want a rest.

Edelshtein said efforts must be continued for the hundreds of thousands of Jews who are still trying to get out of the Soviet Union.

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By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"Toronto will need a doubling or a trebling, not two but perhaps three more Baycrest Centres in the next 10 years, if you are going to meet the long term needs of the older population," an expert in the field of gerontology told more than 70 professionals and board members who are involved in services for the elderly in the community at a forum at the Lipa Green Building.

"Along with an increase in your long term capacity, you are also going to have an increase in your other support services — particularly for those who live at home," said Prof. Michael Creedon, the director of corporate programs for the National Council on Aging in Washington.

Creedon, the keynote speaker at the forum organized and sponsored by the Social Planning Committee (SPC) of the Toronto Jewish Congress, referred to the data in a background paper prepared recently by the SPC on the needs and services to the elderly in Toronto — an intergenerational perspective.

"We are facing two booms and a bust — the first boom is the geriatric boom — the massive growth of the over-75 population." Creedon noted that a large number of older women live alone. "We have to provide support services for them in their homes so they can remain autonomous."

Many of them, he says, will need help in "getting them out of their homes." This requires a hard look at the transportation system. "A single fall or a dizzy spell results in a dramatic decrease in environmental capacity. They are not going to try it again, so we have to meet the needs of these frail older people."

Creedon said that many elderly women are living in poverty "but they are sitting on top of houses that are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Michael Creedon

In the United States, 75% of the elderly own their own homes, and it is probably about the same in Canada. "We have to provide an honest broker system to help these people translate their wealth that lies in their homes into support systems to help themselves."

He said many of them are "scared silly" of dealing with banks, with lawyers and with bureaucracies. "Their homes represent emotional security — they represent their memories of a lifetime."

Growing pressures on middle generation

Creedon explained there are many methods available where people can arrange such things as reverse mortgages. They can convert their homes into a stream of cash over a period of years while retaining a permanent right of residency for the rest of their lives.

"Our greatest challenge is the challenge of imagination," he emphasized. "We must look at older, frail people and see what capabilities they still have and see how we can make use of those capacities."

Creedon analyzed the growing pressures on the middle generation of baby boomers, now in their mid-40s.

"This has become the stressed generation." Many who adopted the notion of careers first, delayed having their children until they were in their 30s. "This generation is going to wind up with a double whammy." They have children under 10 years of age, and they are also faced with parent care.

In the United States, there are a number of corporations that recognize the growing number of work-loss days in this generation, and the corporations are creating programs to assist the caregivers. Intergenerational day care facilities have come about through pressure from employees, professionals and community leaders, he added.

Although families provide the care, they need a break. He notes that the British have developed a "month-in-month-out" system for those in institutions. This program doubles the capacity of beds available in the community and helps institutions that have long waiting lists. It frees the family of responsibility every second month and this program takes away the sense of doom that institutionalization means to older people.

"If we don't make it happen, the families will founder under the pressure — you can only care for an Alzheimer person for 10 years without dying in the process — unless you get a break."

Turning to the younger generation, Creedon suggests that we need to give them opportunities and challenges to help the elderly "and we need to show them that we trust them."

"I'm worried about getting hardening of the categories — no one wants to move off their turf," Creedon said. He added that the communities must work toward standard intake assessments that will reduce the number of agencies a client must approach when looking for help.

In closing, Edwin Goldstein, the chairman of the institute, said that this program and the one to follow on Dec. 13 for families, caregivers and friends were designed to "elicit responses from different segments of the community on the subject of how to deal with, care for, and live with the elderly.

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Rabbi foresees new age

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
The world is rapidly approaching the messianic era of peace and justice, says well known educator and author Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum.

Although there is still intolerable suffering and pain, there are signs of easement, he said.

For example, the pain endured by women during childbirth and pregnancy — G-d's punishment for Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden — has declined since biblical times with reduced risks and hospital stays, Nussbaum said.

Scientists are also on their way to discovering the neurological and genetic sources of anger, hatred and aggression. In just a few decades, these tendencies — historically responsible for much human suffering including events like the Holocaust — may become controllable, he said.

"Twenty-five years from now we may be already very far on the way to controlling aggression, to controlling hatred, greed and power — the will to be powerful, to dominate," the 78-year-old rabbi, who is also a mathematical physicist, recently told more than 350 people at the 11th annual Jewish Book Fair.

Nussbaum — who spoke on Suffering and Survival, a theme in his book Chaplain on the River Kwai: The Story of a Prisoner-of-War — said according to biologists the concepts of suffering, which include pain, fear and other emotions, were originally meant to be constructive, warning people of life-threatening dangers.

"The truth is suffering is a condition for survival," Nussbaum said. "If you suffer, that's the only way you can say you are still alive. It's the instrument which enables us to survive."

In a similar way, the Talmud defines suffering as "pain which is given to you out of love for G-d," he said. But the pain and suffering is not meant to be severe enough to prevent people from praying and studying the Torah, he added. If they are, it is not what G-d intended.

Throughout history, mankind's suffering has gone far beyond these biological and Torah definitions, becoming quite unbearable, he said.

"It will remain difficult until we learn to understand ourselves."

Nussbaum's book, printed by Shapolsky Publishers of New York, is a portrait of Allied war prisoners' lives in Japanese camps.

The author, who experienced hunger, disease and mistreatment as a chaplain in River Kwai's notorious prison camps between 1942 and 1945, thanked his editors Esther Posner and Naomi Rosenzweig-Hecht for their help in producing his book.

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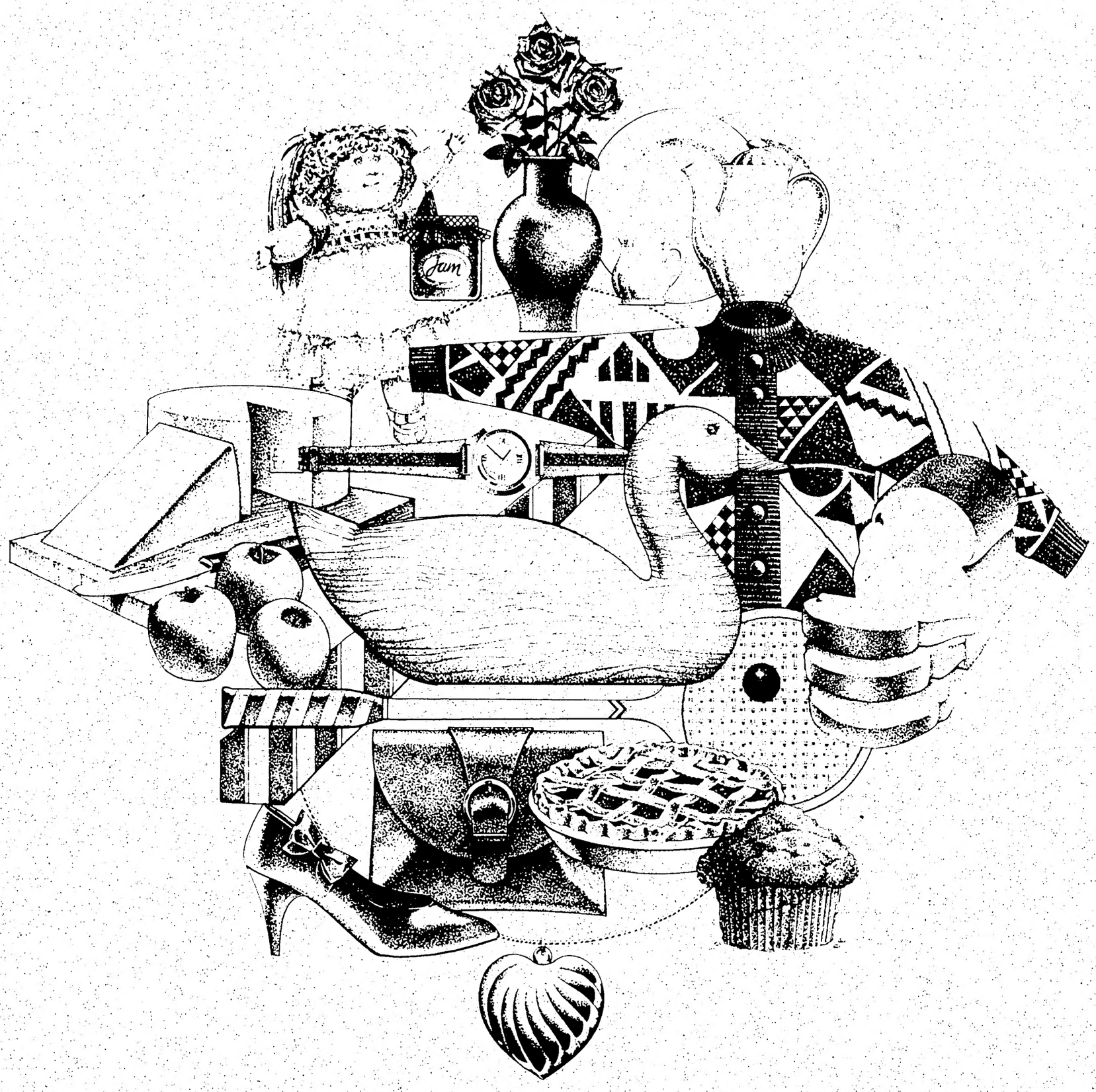

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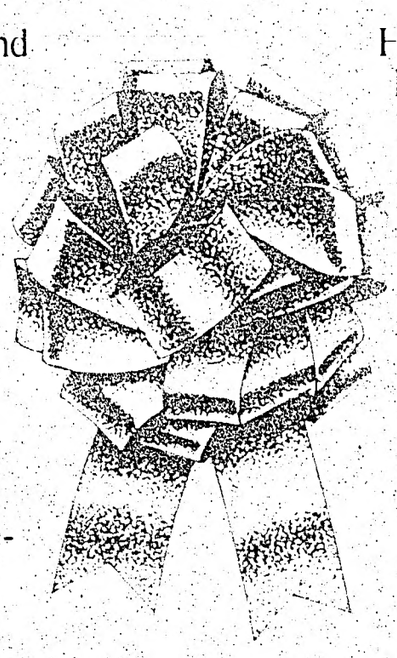

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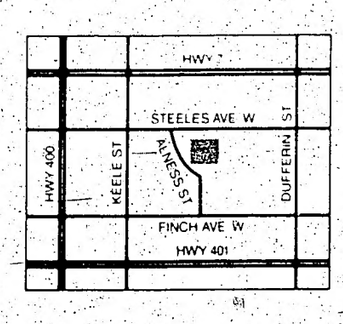

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Organizations and People

Culinary artist a hit

South Africans learn what's cooking at UJA

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
A United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign fund raiser drew 150 women — the young and the not-so-young — from Toronto's Jewish South African emigre community to the Lipa Green Building.

The magnet for the evening program? Myrna Rosen, a former citizen of Johannesburg who now makes her home in Lexington, Ky., the heart of Bluegrass country — where she and husband Ronnie breed and race thoroughbreds.

Rosen and her recently published cookbook, Elegance With Ease, a collection of international recipes, were the star attractions of the evening.

The author is a third generation culinary artist whose creative talent and love of good food was nurtured in childhood by her grandmother who ran a restaurant in Johannesburg, and her mother who taught her the basics.

"I have always been influenced by good cooking," she explained. "I grew up in a family that was always in the kitchen."

The book, which was on display in the Lipa Green rotunda, features beautifully illustrated recipes that run the gamut from classic European dishes and regional favorites, to traditional Jewish cuisine.

Rosen's reputation as an international gourmet cook was firmly established in South Africa and in Europe before she came to the United States.

She has successfully run cooking schools and has contributed recipes to newspapers and magazines worldwide. She no longer teaches, but makes many personal appearances demonstrating her recipes.

Speaking on behalf of UJA prior to Rosen's demonstration, was Lorraine Sandler, herself a native of southern Africa, as did Judy Scheininger, Women's Campaign chairman.

The program was organized by Jeanette Berger and Reesa Sud as part of the division's outreach effort aimed to familiarize and involve newcomers to the community with UJA and Women's Campaign in particular.

Reesa Sud and Jeanette Berger appear ready to sample sauce made by Myrna Rosen, author of cookbook Elegance With Ease, at UJA Women's Campaign evening function.

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Program tells couples about Jewish weddings

By ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

Everything you ever wanted to know about a Jewish wedding but were afraid to ask was answered in a recent program for engaged and newlywed couples at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Wedding matters discussed ranged from weighty halachic ones (Jewish law) to who pays for what at the ceremony, as guest speakers Evelyn Hoffmann, a wedding consultant, told the gathering how to stay organized and make it through the big day, while Rabbi Henry Hoschander explained the religious meaning of a Jewish wedding.

Hoffmann said Orthodox weddings are more complex because of halacha and minhagim (Jewish customs). "There are also different levels of Orthodoxy. Some seat men and women separately, others sit mixed. Orthodox couples also take their photo sessions separately.

Dealing with two different families can be difficult, she said. Another problem can arise when the parents of a bride or groom are divorced and there are still bad feelings in the air. "Seating in this case can be a disaster if not handled well."

Hoffmann said her job is to make a wedding run smoothly. "My task is not only to help unite couples under the chupah but unite their thoughts as well."

She said a common mistake prospective newlyweds make is seeing the rabbi last. "It's the first thing you should do after deciding on a date and place for the wedding. The last thing to worry about is arranging the table settings."

Canada Post is not perfect and mail has been known to get lost, she said. "So if you don't get an answer from a guest two weeks before the wedding, pick up the phone and ask."

Hoffman talked about the Jewish wedding from all angles including the catering, flowers, the cosmetician and the musicians, while advising the couples not to forget leaving vacancies at some tables in case of last minute oversights or unexpected guests.

When one couple voiced an opinion against having small children walking down the aisle, Hoffmann emphatically endorsed the custom. "Wait until you have children or grandchildren and you'll think differently."

Hoffmann said hiring a wedding consultant is the least expensive of the services and that the success or a failure of the wedding day can depend on such consultants.

Rabbi Hoschander said the philosophy behind Jewish weddings can be summed up by the human need for friendship and companionship, the joy which comes from physical relations and the need for procreation.

He said the pre-ceremony rituals prescribed by halacha such as the aufruf, the fast, the mikvah and the drawing up of the ketubah (marriage contract) have meaning and beauty in Jewish life.

Hoschander was also quick to point out that, "If you do none of these mitzvot, the Jewish wedding is still valid."

For women who think Judaism has delegated a minor role to them, the rabbi reminded them to read the details of the marriage contract which enumerates all their rights.

He also made a distinction between pre-marital sex, which "happens when the couple succumbs to the physical desires, and to sex after the marriage ceremony, which is sacramental and tied to the laws of kadushah."

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TORONTO —

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Foster parents honored

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — North York said a big thank you recently to all of the city's foster families at the 9th semi-annual gala reception held in their honor.

The 275 foster families who care for 400 children gathered at North York City Hall for an evening of food, drink and mingling.

Councillor Irv Chapley, who was brought up in a foster home, said that North York "gives this reception with all our heart to thank foster parents who show the meaning of the wonderful thing called love."

Directors of the three sponsoring agencies for the foster child program in North York: Jewish Family & Child Services of Metropolitan Toronto, Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto and Catholic Children's Aid Society all thanked the foster families for the kindness and devotion they show to their foster children.

Zel Fellegi, director of programs and resources at JF & CS told the group that foster parents are people "who show us they can put children and families first. You are all big-hearted and caring people."

She added that the foster parents program can't and wouldn't happen without "people like you."

Executive director of the Catholic Children's Aid Society, Colin Maloney, said that the foster parents program is in a crisis because there are not enough foster families in Ontario. "Almost 25% of the foster kids in Ontario are placed in inappropriate homes because of the severe shortage."

Mel Finlay, executive director of the Children's Aid Society, said that he knows foster children place a great demand on the family. "Kids need moral support as well as visible concrete support. We really say a heartfelt thank you for all the care and concern you have given fostering."

Angela Harris, whose family has been a foster family to a teenaged boy for the last few years, said that "our foster son has given us a lot more than we've given him. He has brought a lot of love into our house."

Harris said that her foster child has "really not placed a great demand on the family. Its good to have him around."

North York Mayor Mel Lastman told the group that foster families show young people without families of their own, the meaning of the word family. "Its great to see the work you're doing and its about time that other municipalities appreciate what foster parents give to their community."

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TORONTO —

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The Chanukah 5748 delights included are, stuffed mushrooms, roast turkey with brown rice-nut stuffing, sweet and sour cabbage, easy carrot kugel, and a Chanukah orange cake.

The recipes are prepared and tested by Esther Schwartz, the kosher food consultant of the Kashruth Council.

Here is one of the recipes from the Chanukah flyer:

CHANUKAH ORANGE CAKE
(Pareve)

Fine dry bread crumbs
2½ cups all purpose flour
1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup margarine (hard — pareve) or crisco
1¼ cups sugar
2 eggs, separated plus
3 egg yolks
Rind of 2 oranges
⅔ cup orange juice
1 tsp. lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9- or 10-inch tube pan with removable bottom. Dust with bread crumbs. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.

In mixmaster, cream margarine or crisco, add sugar, beat until fluffy. Add the 5 egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition until mixture is smooth.

On low speed, add the dry ingredients alternately with the orange juice and rind. Beat only until flour is incorporated. Remove from mixmaster.

Beat the egg whites with lemon juice until stiff. Fold into cake batter. Pour into tube pan. Level by turning briskly back and forth. Bake 1 hour or until cake tester comes out dry.

Cool in pan for 20 minutes. Run a knife around outer and inner edges of cake pan.

Invert on cake plate which is covered with wax paper. Run a knife along bottom part of pan.

Glaze:

Mix ½ cup orange marmalade with 2 tbsps. water in a small saucepan. Bring to boil. Brush top and sides of cake. Let stand for several hours; cut or tear away waxpaper. Garnish with thin orange slices cut in half.

Note: Left-over egg whites can be made into chocolate nut meringues or other meringue treats.

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Chanukiah to be lit at Queen's Park

TORONTO —

A large chanukiah will be lit on the grounds of Queen's Park, at 5 p.m., Dec. 15, in a celebration featuring Premier David Peterson and other provincial and community dignitaries to mark the beginning of Chanukah.

Peterson will bring Chanukah greetings to the Jewish community while the chanukiah will be lit by Industry, Trade and Technology Minister Monte Kwinter. Also among those participating in the ceremony will be Cantor Harold Klein of Congregation Shaarei Shomayim.

The chanukiah will be lit with an additional light, for the duration of the festival. It is one of seven large chanukiahs which are erected in Metropolitan Toronto by Chabad-Lubavitch Organization to promote an awareness and appreciation of the Chanukah and its message, "the triumph of freedom over oppression, spirit over matter and light over darkness."

After the outdoor ceremony, participants will attend a reception held in the Legislative Building where refreshments will be served. In keeping with tradition, latkes will also be served to emphasize the miracle concerning the small jug of pure oil that miraculously lit the Temple menorah for eight days.

"We want shoppers, tourists and business-people to view the [chanukiah] because the holiday's significance lies in publicizing G-d's miracles, then and now," explains Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum, director of Chabad-Lubavitch.

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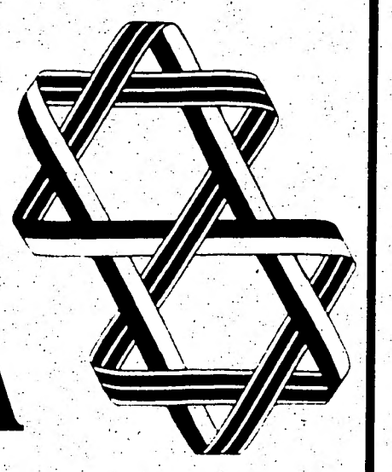

Dr. Ahmos Rolider (left) and Zvi Garcy (right), enjoy exchange between Dr. Nehama Baum and Dr. Eddy Pakes at meeting of Psychologists and Mental Health Therapists.

December 14, the day we celebrate the conclusion of the 1988 campaign, is rapidly approaching, and . . . the great telethon countdown is on!

Beginning with Monday (the 7th) right through to Thursday the 10th, it's been nightly across-the-divisions telethons from 6.00 to 9.00 p.m., with time out for dinner. On Sunday, December 13, it's breakfast at 9.00 a.m. and on to the telephones until noon.

All signs point to a smash windup to what has undoubtedly been the most outstanding campaign in Toronto UJA history! That, if you will pardon the expression, is no hogwash. We are maintaining a 20.5% increase as we speak.

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The final Campaign Leadership Breakfast meeting of the season took place on Thursday, December 3 with **Dr. Gary Tobin** of Brandeis University, the guest speaker. Dr. Tobin is a premier researcher on the Jewish community and he dealt with changing Jewish demographics and their impact on campaigns.

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The Young Lawyers held their first telethon the last Sunday of November, with excellent results. Participants included **Earl Altman, Jeff Cohen, David Golden, Elaine Gortler, Bernie Gropper, Brian Horlick, Judi Laxer** and **Elise Stein.**

And for Judi Laxer there was a surprise bonus — she won a camera for her efforts.

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If you happened to be on the fourth floor of the Lipa Green Building when Women's Campaign ran their "Elegance With Ease" evening program, you might have thought you had been transported to a region of South Africa.

The 150 women who came out to see and hear **Myrna Rosen**, like themselves a former South African, filled the atmosphere with their unmistakable accents.

The outreach program chaired by **Jeanette Berger** and **Reesa Sud**, astonished the organizers with its fantastic attendance. Cards were distributed to everyone present, and for many of the women, it was their first UJA encounter since coming to Toronto.

All that, plus a **Myrna Rosen** cooking demonstration, made for an enjoyable evening.

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Never let it be said that UJA meetings have little substance. Case in point is the Psychologists and Mental Health Therapists recent inaugural function which dealt with "Grief Management."

It was the brainchild of the Division Chairman, **Dr. Nehama Baum**. The principal speakers were psychiatrist **Dr. Eddy Pakes** and Israeli psychologist **Dr. Ahmos Rolider**.

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The Community Services campaign, which generally gets under way at a much later date than other divisions, has officially begun. We hear Jewish Family & Child Service staff has been canvassed and, just today, the kickoff came for the Jewish Community Centre. The chairman there is **Orion Feldman**.

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There were new faces among the more familiar ones at the second Physicians telethon — **Lawrence Cohen, Morton Goldbach, Joel Kirsh** and **Harry Krakowsky**. None of the four is a "new face" in the literal sense. Each has been previously and is presently involved with UJA. We only wanted to point out those who were not at the first telethon.

That should set the record straight.

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Thirty student leaders met with **Adi Sultanik**, director of leadership development at Keren Hayesod. There was a workshop on Jewish identity and campaign strategy, followed by a telethon.

Campaign planning includes a campus blitz in January and February and a dance on March 5.

Canvassers included **Sharlene Cantor, Lisa Dancyger, Jack Keslassy, Rachel Serfaty, Andy Strub, Jodi Taller** and **Michael Wohl**.

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Harry Kaplan, who's serving his second year as UJA Chairman for the Farband of Lithuanian Jews, presided along with Farband President **Sam Rappaport**, at a fundraising luncheon at the Radomer Synagogue.

The Farband's Masada Chapter, under the chairmanship of **Fania Klaczkowski**, is busily involved in a number of projects. We've learned that **Anna Kremer** is organizing a group for the upcoming Societies Mission to Israel, with plans to visit one of the projects the chapter has helped to fund.

We're glad to report that **Fruma Lichtblau** is up and about and looking extremely well since her recent heart surgery.

Organizations and People

Working together despite differences

26th CJC plenary takes aim at pressing issues

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

"One People: Diversity Within Unity" was the overriding theme sounded to the more than 250 delegates from across Ontario who attended the recent 26th Plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

The regional plenaries are held every three years to allow members of the province's 150,000-strong Jewish community an opportunity to convene, discuss matters of common concern and air views and problems.

The theme of the gathering reflected the reality that Jews have differences among themselves but can work together to solve pressing matters like intermarriage, assimilation and anti-semitism, said Ontario Region chairman Charles Zaionz.

Interestingly, the plenary was held on the 40th anniversary of the United Nations vote that partitioned Palestine, giving the Jews a homeland.

The day-long plenary featured several concurrent workshops on the issues that face all Jewry today.

In fact, finding common ground among Jews of all stripes, and cooperating instead of bickering, was the crux of the plenary's kick-off session at a Saturday evening program at the North York Memorial Community Hall.

Many present for the public forum said it was the first time in their memory that three rabbis — one from each major Jewish denomination — sat down together to discuss inter-Jewish problems and find the ties that bind.

The panel featured Rabbi Reuven Bulka from Ottawa to present the Orthodox view, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly in New York, to give the Conservative side, and Rabbi Dow Marmur of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, who put forth the Reform point of view.

Greetings were also brought on behalf of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney by Member of Parliament Bill Attewell and on behalf of Premier David Peterson by Industry, Trade and Technology Minister Monte Kwinter.

It was a lighthearted atmosphere that prevailed. Rabbi Bulka joked that he found himself "sitting between a Wolfe and a Dov (Marmur's Hebrew name).

But Bulka did not play down the serious philosophical differences that exist between the three denominations today; issues such as marriage, divorce, conversions, patrilineal descent and the whole question of Who is a Jew.

However, "it is not in anyone's interest to speak of schisms. Rather, we should focus on the positive," although Bulka did note that he was always taught "anything not Orthodox is traif."

"The real question is 'can we work together on anything?' Our greatest adversary is apathy. Maybe the three branches are not opponents, but are fighting a common battle. Do we allow these differences to blind us to the reality of bringing Jews together?"

The Orthodox, Bulka conceded, do not generally like to confront the issue of a split, and that more moderate Orthodox "have been stifled by the right." But, "90% of Jews are non-Orthodox. If the choice was Orthodox or nothing, we would have nothing.

"We have much to gain from diversity. Once we take the attitude that we are all onside with the basics — anti-semitism, Israel, Soviet Jewry — than everything else falls into place.

"If our attitudes change, if we lose sleep over our differences, then we can take the high road and stop denigrating each other."

According to Rabbi Kelman, "never before in my recollection has there been more de facto Jewish unity than today."

He said Israel's Law of Return, under which any Jew going to live in Israel automatically becomes a citizen, is "as good a compromise as we're going to get." Anyone seeking to change it, such as the Orthodox parties in Israel, is aiming at "cheap exploitation" of the differences between Jews.

Orthodoxy, he added, is "here to stay."

What we take for granted today didn't even exist 30 or 40 years ago, Kelman said. He recalled how "downtown" Toronto Jews — generally Orthodox — would come "uptown" to stage noisy demonstrations in front of Holy Blossom Temple. And he said he is offended when Conservatives today engage in "Reform bashing."

"We are much more civilized today. We've always thrived on disunity. We have learned to accept each other and should appreciate our differences. Those talking about a split are doing a disservice. With a little bit of love and a sense of humor, we should continue to thrive."

For his part, Rabbi Marmur stated that "if we believe that we are all authentic, then it is our duty to support each other. We could all speak with one voice," although he is "suspicious of any old boys' network.

"Recognizing our opponents is crucial. Without it, we have no business being here. What I'm asking for is the minimum. Any attempt to find common ground is a useful start. I happen to think that's the most we can expect from the Orthodox."

He said Reform Jewry's relations with the Orthodox "is, by definition, asymmetrical. I happen to expect more from Conservative Jews."

Marmur was the only rabbi to put forth a concrete solution: the establishment of a joint beth din (religious court) to settle the question of Jewish status, "the most serious" issue facing Jews today.

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One of the plenary's liveliest sessions was a discussion entitled "The Universal and Particular Again: Where are We Headed?" featuring well known criminal lawyer Eddie Greenspan, Prof. Arthur Kruger of the University of Toronto, and Elaine Todres, deputy minister of Ontario's Human Resources Secretariat.

According to Greenspan, Canadian Jewish Congress, as Canada's senior Jewish organization, has "a moral obligation" to become more involved with "social justice" issues, especially his own cause celebre, capital punishment. He said CJC should assess the matters of import today on an issue by issue basis.

Kruger disagreed, saying CJC "should stick to Jewish issues. The more issues you bring in — the more you muddy the waters — the more divisive the community becomes."

Kruger wondered whether the Jewish community's involvement in the issues of the day should extend to matters like smoking versus non-smoking or whether the Yukon should become a province.

Todres said silence from the Jewish community is more harmful than any potential for divisiveness. "Silence not only harms the issue but damages Jews' future input. We have a particular obligation to respond" to most social issues.

However, Todres said there are many concerns today which are not receiving adequate attention from the Jewish community, such as the Jewish disabled and battered women.

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In a workshop on the perception of Israel after 40 years, Shira Herzog-Bessin and David Weinberg of the Canada-Israel Committee said that in Canada generally, Israel has a good, stable image.

They acknowledged, however, that Israel's public image has shifted somewhat over the years, from a nation of builders, farmers and challutzim (pioneers), to a slightly more aggressive country that encounters human rights problems of its own.

The support of Israel by the community is "beyond question." The Jewish community is and should continue to be wary of anti-Israel bias in the media but the occasional anti-Israel story or editorial is not indicative of a lapse in support for Israel, the panel agreed.

However, they warned that the PLO's message of delegitimizing Israel has seeped its way into the Canadian psyche, although on a relatively small scale. The panel said there is no groundswell of support in Canada for the PLO.

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"International movements" are afoot to deny the Holocaust happened or to downplay its enormity, Manuel Prutschi, director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of CJC, told a session on Distortions and Misuse of the Holocaust.

Prutschi said the revisionist view of history is "becoming acceptable" and is seeing Holocaust deniers in almost every industrialized country.

He said Jews have been singled out for history revision. "No one has ever denied, for example, that the atom bomb fell on Hiroshima."

In the United States, the department of education nixed a Holocaust-study course because the opposing viewpoint — that of the Nazis — was not being presented, Prutschi said.

He said Holocaust deniers "cannot be dismissed as kooks or flat-earthers. They should be a concern to Jews."

Educators Alan Bardikoff stressed the importance of getting Holocaust education into Ontario schools. He said there has been resistance across the province in implementing the subject, but cited progress made within the North York Board of Education.

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In a luncheon session, chairman Charles Zaionz thanked all CJC Ontario Region staff and volunteers for their "exceptional" input. The plenary was held at the half-way mark of Zaionz's 3-year term.

The focus of the luncheon, however, was Yuli Edelshtein, a 29-year-old former Refusenik who admonished delegates not to be taken in by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new climate of glasnost (openness).

Glasnost, Edelshtein said, has unleashed a new campaign of anti-semitism in the Soviet Union, with exit visas scarcer than ever. "The situation for Soviet Jews today is critical," he stated.

Despite the new policy, only 7,245 Jews have been granted permission to leave this year, while in 1979 over 51,000 left and then-leader Leonid Brezhnev had a much worse public image than Gorbachev has today. The world "is content and applauds" Gorbachev, because a few high-profile Jews have been let out.

Edelshtein, a Hebrew teacher who immigrated with his wife and daughter to Israel last July, mentioned a recent demonstration on the streets of Moscow in which Soviet nationalists carried signs reading "Kill Jews — Save Russia."

He said in addition to about 10,000 Refuseniks, there are probably 1.5 million Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union but are afraid to apply.

Reporting on Israel was Benjamin Abileah, Israel's consul-general in Toronto. Abileah said Israel is regaining its strong stature on the world scene, after having "blown the PLO to bits."

As well, Israel is widening her relations with other nations and with the Soviet Union, while anti-Israel rhetoric at the United Nations has diminished, he said.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, Les Scheininger, immediate past chairman of Ontario Region, was presented with an award of recognition by Mira Koschitzky who was chairman before Scheininger.

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The function of a Jewish newspaper was discussed by Geoffrey Paul, editor of The Jewish Chronicle in London, England; Sam Kaplan, editor of Vancouver's Jewish Western Bulletin and Canadian Jewish News editor Maurice Lucow.

Paul said there are "few Jewish newspapers left in the world to "shake Jews out of their apathy." His paper, he stated, supports Israel but not always the government in power.

The Chronicle, he explained, is an independent paper that will soon celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Paul lamented the dearth of great Jewish journalists in the style of the old-time Yiddish press, which attracted some of the most fiery writers of the day.

Lucow said he frequently finds himself "walking on eggs" in attempting to satisfy the entire Jewish community. He likened The CJN to a "fiddler that must fiddle on many rooftops."

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The reality of multiculturalism in Canada is no longer an issue, but the goal is to translate it into meaningful programs, the workshop on multiculturalism heard from Maria Minna, an activist in the Canadian-Italian community.

Minna took the federal government to task for not facing up to multiculturalism through funding and various programs. In Ottawa, she said, multiculturalism is still only an ideal, even though the streets of Canada say it's a reality.

Syndicated journalist Doug Fisher recounted that, when he was young, the view was that Canada was not open to outsiders. Recent decades have shown that minorities can and have made their mark in Canada and that there is nothing in this country preventing ethnic groups from doing that.

The problem with multiculturalism though, he said, is that while it retains ethnic identity, it can also preserve ethnic hatreds.

Prof. Harold Troper, co-author of the best-seller None is Too Many, agreed that multiculturalism in Canada is only an ideal. He fears it is a way the government shapes in an unnatural manner the makeup of the population and defines what is ethnic and what is not.

From left, plenary steering committee chairman Gella Rothstein, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, Rabbi Dow Marmur and Charles Zaionz, chairman, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

Les Scheininger, the immediate past chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, receives an award of recognition from Mira Koschitzky, who held the chairman's position prior to Scheininger. The award was presented at the recent CJC Regional Plenary. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

Organizations and People

Michael Benjamin points to wording on Shem Tov scroll held by artist Howard Fox, Linda Kahn, as well as Judy Gwartz who is one of the eight recipients.

Shem Tov winners will get mementos

TORONTO —

The first eight recipients of the annual Toronto Jewish Congress Shem Tov "Good Name" award who were cited at the 12th annual TJC meeting in May, will soon have permanent mementos ascribing to their "extraordinary involvement and personal contribution to the community."

The 1987 recipients include Sandy Brown, nominated by Bialik Hebrew Day Schools; Yale Drazin, Jewish Family & Child Service; Valerie Fine, Mount Sinai Hospital; Edwin Goldstein, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; Judy Gwartz, Toronto Jewish Congress; Dr. Lou Myers, United Synagogue Day Schools; Martin Sable, Board of Jewish Education; and Didi Urbach, nominated by both TJC and Associated Hebrew Schools.

The Shem Tov award was conceived and developed by Michael Benjamin and the Human Resources Committee which he heads, and Linda Kahn, vice-chairman for Community Development.

Both Benjamin and Kahn have worked closely for several months with artist Howard Fox in the conception and design of the award — an intricate scroll — which has now been completed.

The scroll incorporates the logos of Toronto Jewish Congress and its affiliated agencies and has intertwined roots representing communal partnership as a tangible symbol of agency/federation relations.

The Shem Tov volunteer recognition award is a joint enterprise of TJC and the community agencies which are responsible for the annual selection of their honorees.

Findings presented at CJC plenary

20% of Jews intermarry

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Interreligious and interethnic marriages have become more acceptable in Ontario, but Jews are less likely to intermarry than members of other religions, the main session of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, plenary heard recently.

Only "a small minority" of the whole population opposes marriages between Jews and non-Jews, said Prof. Stuart Schoenfeld of York University. Schoenfeld presented the findings of a study he conducted for a special CJC subcommittee on assimilation and intermarriage.

However, compared to other minorities, Jews are "exceptional" in their opposition to assimilation — more likely than other groups to maintain their cultural and social traditions — but less opposed to intermarriage than they once were.

Jews still cluster in Jewish neighborhoods and cling to Jewish life, Schoenfeld said, but there is also data to indicate that Jews are less involved in Jewish life than at any other period in Jewish history.

One out of every four or five Jews who marry in Ontario marries a non-Jew, the data show, and while intermarriage has become more common among Jews, it is also more widespread among other Ontario minorities, Schoenfeld noted.

He added that Jews have the lowest intermarriage rate among all other religions.

Schoenfeld said the 1981 census showed the rate of intermarried Jewish families in Ontario at below 10%. Within Ontario, Toronto had the lowest percentage of intermarried families, while the smallest Jewish centres in the province had the highest intermarriage rate.

Other findings of the study show that:

- Canadian, American or Western European Jews are more likely to intermarry than Jews from elsewhere.
- Men are more likely to intermarry than women.
- Intermarried Jews are more frequently university educated than non-intermarried Jews.
- Jews raised in Reform homes are more likely to intermarry than Jews from Orthodox or Conservative backgrounds.
- Unaffiliated Jews are more prone to intermarry than those who affiliate with a branch of Judaism.
- Divorced Jews are more likely to intermarry than Jews who marry the first time.
- Downtown Toronto Jews — those south of St. Clair Ave. — are more likely to intermarry than Jews from other parts of Metro Toronto.

Less religious

Despite the belief that intermarriage shows a rejection of Jewish values, Schoenfeld's study says there is evidence that the religious and ethnic identity of intermarried families are more influenced by the identity of the Jewish spouse than the non-Jewish one. Most intermarried Jews continue to report their religion as Jewish, the study shows.

It also shows, however, that even those intermarried couples claiming to be Jewish are much less religious than non-intermarried couples.

Schoenfeld's report says converts to Judaism are "typically as observant as other members of the movement in which they have been converted. They also increase the importance of Judaism in the lives of their born-Jewish spouses, and their children identify themselves as Jews."

Schoenfeld said studies have found that of persons married to Jews but not born Jewish, between 25% and 31% are converts, with women more likely to convert than men. In Toronto, there are over 100 conversions performed each year.

Responding to the conclusions, Prof. William Shaffir of McMaster University said the Jewish community should gear its efforts on intermarriage more to Jewish teenagers.

Prof. Irwin Block of the University of Western Ontario said that, oddly, Soviet Jews, who often have little or no identification with Judaism, are very unlikely to intermarry.

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Organizations and People

Gives Moscow excuse to shut doors, Goldman says

Question of dropouts stirs debate at plenary

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Only the United States has the strength to compel the Soviet Union to let Jews out, and U.S. policy does not insist that Soviet Jews go to Israel instead of North America, a top U.S. official said here at the 26th plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

The statement came after Jeanette Goldman, past chairman of the Soviet Jewry committee of both the International and Canadian National Council of Jewish Women, said the decision of 80% of Soviet Jews to emigrate elsewhere than Israel is causing tremendous difficulties for Israel and for those trying to get more Jews out.

She said the situation has resulted in the Soviet Union dropping repatriation as a reason for granting exit visas, and restricting reunification of families to only those with first degree relatives in Israel.

Later she told The CJN that another serious dimension of the problem is that some of the 20% of Soviet Jews who do go to Israel are the elderly whose children go elsewhere.

Despite Goldman's plea that something be done about the dropouts, Micah Naftalin, of Washington, national director of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry, said U.S. interest is in human rights, not aliya, and that where Soviet Jews go is secondary to their getting out.

While conceding that the dropping out is a painful problem for Israel and Jewish communities generally, Naftalin said that the fact that 75% of Soviet Jews decide to go elsewhere than Israel is consistent with the actions of Jewry as a whole, since 75% of world Jewry has decided to live outside Israel.

"Without the U.S. you can't get them out," Naftalin said. "You can't sell aliya to the U.S. public. You (the Soviet Jews) come out on the only lifeline you can. People vote with their feet not billboards. How can we tell people where they can't go, considering where our grandfathers went."

He said 150,000 Russian Jews issued exit permits for Israel have gone to U.S. instead.

Goldman said she did not want to debate the morality of Soviet Jews not going to Israel as Jewish history is replete with instances of Jews escaping from terror by any means.

The dropouts make a mockery of "our struggle for the right of Jews to be repatriated to their national homeland" and gives Moscow a convenient excuse to close the gates again. The new government decree eliminates repatriation which was the main basis on which it granted visas to Jews. There is a possibility, she said, that the ruling limiting reunification to first degree relatives in Israel will be changed.

Naftalin said he has no objection to direct flights from Russia to Israel per se, but if it means that Jews do not have freedom of choice, he is against them.

"The Soviets are not convinced that the human rights issue is related to their needs and we have to send a clear message to (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev that they are wrong," Naftalin said, referring to the planned protest in Washington concurrent with summit.

Canadian Jews are asked to help ailing Soviet couple

TORONTO —

On a mission to save the lives of his ailing parents in Moscow, Igor Tufeld appeared before the plenary session of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, asking for the support of Canadian Jews.

Vladimir and Isolde Tufeld have never seen their two grandsons, Daniel, 6, and Michael, 9 weeks, and have not seen their son for 10 years. Igor and his wife, Natasha, and the two boys live in Israel.

Igor says his mother, Isolde, is in desperate condition, suffering from a brain tumor, and that it will be five months before she can have a CAT scan and an operation, if necessary, because of a shortage of scanners and operating rooms in Moscow. She can get immediate attention in the West, he said.

The Tufelds applied for exit visas in 1977 and that year Vladimir was in hospital with a spinal condition. "When the hospital heard that he was planning to leave Russia they discharged him," Igor said.

"The doctor wouldn't even give him painkillers, saying my father was fooling. Their reason for refusing them a visa is that my father was in secret work, but that is ridiculous because my father, an engineer, did this work 14 years ago. What is secret? Does nothing change in 14 years?"

Igor said his father is willing to stay on in Russia as a hostage as long as Isolde is allowed out for treatment.

Vladimir and Isolde Tufeld's address is Chkalovastr 41/2 Apt. 272, Moscow, USSR 107120; tel. 227-7728. — **B.R.**

Feinstein remembered

JERUSALEM —

Twelve Canadian rabbis have joined 250 others from 13 countries in honoring the memory of the late halachic authority Rabbi Moses Feinstein, who passed away last year. Their names are listed in the latest volume of Otzar Haposkim, an encyclopedia of Jewish law published here.

The rabbis include, from Ontario: Moses Burak, Yitzhak Kerzner, Irwin Witty, Baruch Taub, and Marvin Pachinb of the Toronto area; Morton Green of Hamilton; and Reuven Bulka of Ottawa.

From the Montreal area: Mordechai Zeitz, Chaim Denburg, H. J. Kaufman and Reuben Poupko.

From Manitoba: Charles Grysman of Winnipeg.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

Sorry if you missed the Dec. 4 deadline for the Dec. 17 and 24 issues.

As you know, we are not publishing the Dec. 31 issue, so the issue after that will come out on Jan. 7. The deadline for that issue is Monday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. Hope to hear from you then.

Thursday, Dec. 10

BASIC JUDAISM SERIES

The Basic Judaism lecture series continues on Thursday, Dec. 10, with **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** discussing Philosophy and Theology of Judaism.

The lecture begins at 7.30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

Following the lecture **Chana Werner** is teaching an optional course in beginning Hebrew reading and prayer from 9-10 p.m.

For further information, contact **Rabbi Howard Markose** at 635-5340.

CHAVURAT HAMASORET

Chavurat Hamasoret, an informal Jewish studies program for young adults, ages 18-25, will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10, for a Torah study class with **Sholom Eisenstat** beginning at 7.30 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

For information, contact **Jonathan Shiff** at 789-2193.

Sunday, Dec. 13

PNAI CHANUKAH PARTY

PNAI, the Toronto Chapter of Parents of North American Israelis, is planning a Chanukah party on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

There will be a nominal charge of $3.50 per person. Guest are welcome.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

On Sunday, Dec. 13, Congregation Habonim's breakfast club invites you to hear **Michael Wax**, a professional storyteller, discuss the importance of storytelling in Jewish history after which he will present some stories, old and new, for your enjoyment.

The time is 10 a.m. at the synagogue, 12 Hollaman Rd. The fee for breakfast and lecture is $5 per person.

BROTHERHOOD CHANUKAH PARTY

Beth Sholom Brotherhood's Tefillin and Breakfast Club will not be meeting for breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 13, as the brotherhood has arranged a Chanukah party beginning at 1 p.m. with food, entertainment and refreshments.

Monday, Dec. 14

DOLLARS FOR DAVID EVENING

You are invited to an evening of food and fun on Monday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. Club Yamit, Na'amat Pioneer Women, is sponsoring a Dollars for David evening with lots of good food and a games night to raise funds for children in Israel.

For details, call the Na'amat office at 636-5425 or 665-2697 after 5 p.m.

INTERACTION OF DRUGS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood's general meeting on Monday, Dec. 14, features **Bob Pritchard** of Super X Drugs, who will speak on Interaction of Drugs With Foods, a very timely and interesting topic not to be missed.

The time is 8 p.m. in the synagogue's Fischtein Hall, 100 Elder St. Refreshments will follow the talk. Everyone is welcome. There is a charge of $2 for guests.

SHAAR SHALOM SISTERHOOD

Shaar Shalom Sisterhood is meeting on Monday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. The program will include a speaker from the Premenstrual Syndrome Clinic. Admission is $1.50.

JEWISH FAMILY SERIES

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., invites the community to attend a lecture by **Rabbi Moishe Silverman** on The Jewish University Student on Monday, Dec. 14, from 9-10 p.m. Rabbi Silverman is the director of Hillel at the University of Toronto.

This lecture is the last in a continuing series on The Jewish Family: Easing the Transition.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

SHAAREI TEFILLAH INSTITUTE

The Shaarei Tefillah Congregation Fall Institute of Jewish Studies conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, continues on Tuesday, Dec. 15, with The Changing Image of Orthodox Women (Has the feminist movement affected the traditional housewife image?).

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

At the Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 15, **Cantor Harold Klein** will present a Chanukah program, The Joy of Singing.

The charge for luncheon is $6 by reservation only. Call **Ruth Fruitman** at 731-6660 or **Rose Mintz** at 633-7190.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group session on Tuesday, Dec. 15, will deal with the Book of Daniel, Chapters IV and V, with **Dr. Isadore Cass**. The time is 8.15-10 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

KURTZ REMEMBERED

A ceremony to honor and remember Samuel A. Kurtz was held recently at Associated Hebrew Schools. An oil painting of the late Kurtz was unveiled and his name was added to the cornerstone at the Neptune branch. Seen with the painting (from left) are Ruth Kurtz, Cirel Broudy, Sarah Kurtz and Newman Kurtz.

This study group is a program of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council of Toronto Jewish Congress.

JEWISH ARCHITECTURE

Jewish Architecture is the topic of the illustrated lecture presented on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 8-10 p.m. by Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The community is welcome.

This lecture is the last in a continuing series on The Jews and Their Art.

Thursday, Dec. 17

THE CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Mayor Mel Lastman and members of the council of the City of North York invite the community to attend The Chanukah Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7.30 p.m. at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St.

The list of participants includes **Rabbi Meir Gottesman**, the master of ceremonies; **Harry Borenstein**, chairman, management committee, North-East Valley JCC; children from Associated Hebrew, Bialik and United Synagogue Day Schools, the Chai Dancers and the JCC Singers.

This event was coordinated by the North-East Valley JCC. Admission is free. For more information, call 224-6086.

LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit is holding a discussion on Great Dissenters in Jewish History and Their Lessons on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. at Bathurst Heights Public Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (just north of Lawrence Plaza).

Rabbi Reuben Slonim will lead the discussion. The agenda will also include the lighting of Chanukah candles. Everyone is welcome.

The AIJS believes that spiritual people see their opponents first as human beings, not as members of a class or group.

And What Else Is New...

AT THE LEAH POSLUNS

Hannah Senesh, the multi-arts play with music, is on stage at the Leah Posluns Theatre through to Dec. 26. Hannah Senesh, a young Jewish woman who left her native Hungary on the eve of World War II and settled in Palestine, parachuted into Yugoslavia several years later on a rescue mission aimed at helping downed British flyers, then crossed into Hungary to help Jewish people escape the Nazis. She was caught by the Nazis, convicted of treason and executed at the age of 23.

The play is written and directed by **David Schechter** and developed in collaboration with **Lori Wilner**, who also stars as Hannah Senesh. Music is composed by **Steven Lutvak** and **Elizabeth Swados**.

For tickets, call the box office at 630-6752 or any BASS outlet.

FAMILY PURITY HANDBOOK

The U.S. Committee of Jewish Family Purity is distributing its new revised edition of the Code of Jewish Family Purity. The 96-page handbook details the laws and procedures of family purity, and how they vitalize marriage.

It is available free, in English, Yiddish, Hebrew, Spanish, French, Russian or Hungarian from JEP, 27 Maple Terrace, Monsey, N.Y. U.S.A. 10952.

KADIMA CENTRE DANCE

The Kadima Centre invites you to a Welcome Back From the Holidays dance on Sunday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. at 100 Elder St. (Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue).

The centre is open to developmentally handicapped adults 18 years of age and over. The group meets Sundays from 2-4 p.m. and for Supper Club on Tuesdays from 4.30-6.30 p.m. Come and join the centre for fun, frolic and friends.

For more information, contact the program coordinator **Suzanne Agasee** at 636-4426.

SHABBAT CHANUKAH DINNER

The First Narayever Congregation is holding a Shabbat Chanukah dinner on Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. at the synagogue, 187 Brunswick Ave.

The charge is $10 adults, $6 children. For reservations, call 927-0546.

THE REVIVAL OF HEBREW

You witnessed two important events which occured in your lifetime — the revival of the Hebrew language and the rebirth of the State of Israel — and now the Keren Hatarbut Institute at 788 Marlee Ave. gives you an opportunity to learn conversational Hebrew.

Don't delay! Enrol now for the Hebrew course which starts in January. Courses are conducted on three levels, for beginners, intermediate and advanced. For registration and consultation, call **Joseph Klinger**, director of Keren Hatarbut Institute, at 787-0197.

CANDY NOVELTIES

The Leukemia Research Fund now has available candy novelties that make great holiday gifts and/or centrepieces.

Colorful arrangements are priced at $10, $12.50 and $15. Corporate orders are welcome. All proceeds go to leukemia research. The number to call is 638-8522.

DANCE WITH EMUNAH

A few places are still available for the Emunah Israeli dance class starting in January. Beginners, advanced, teens and girls grades 4-8 are welcome.

For information, call the Emunah office at 635-9847, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham is holding a Chanukah Extravaganza featuring clowns, jugglers, refreshments, live music and a grand raffle on Sunday, Dec. 20, beginning at 2.30 p.m. at Johnsview Village School (near Bayview and John).

The celebration will culminate with a candlelighting ceremony including music and a chazzan at the giant outdoor menorah at Bayview and John at 4.15 p.m. City officials and dignitaries will be in attendance.

The cost for the indoor program is $3 per person. Special family and member rates are available. There is no charge for the outdoor candlelighting ceremony. For information, call 731-7000.

GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!

Get your act together! Make your 88 New Year's resolutions now and enrol in one of the

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various courses offered at the Leah Posluns Theatre School.

The courses include creative drama for children; musical theatre and scriptwriting for teens, and acting, improvisation, scriptwriting, scene study and backstage workshops for adults.

For information, call 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271.

NEW YEARS IN THE COUNTRY

Singles are invited to spend a fun weekend and celebrate the arrival of the New Year at Maple Lake Resort near Parry Sound from Dec. 31-Jan. 3.

The cost of $175 per person (transportation extra) includes accommodation (double occupancy), cross-country skiing, a variety of outdoor and indoor activities and all meals (under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress, Kashruth Division). A cocktail reception and champagne dinner and New Year's eve party will highlight the festivities.

For more information, call 630-1180.

EATING DISORDERS PROGRAM

North York Branson Hospital has initiated an 8-week eating disorders program for persons diagnosed as suffering from anorexia nervosa.

The Lawrence Avenue Centre for Eating Disorders, developed as an outgrowth of the hospital's program, involves not only anorexia nervosa and bulimia but also overeaters which results in obesity. It is co-directed by **Merle Jacobs**, a registered nurse with graduate work in sociology, and **Dr. Fred Kroft**, chief-in-psychiatry at Branson Hospital and director of its eating disorders program.

If you would like to know more about the centre, call 785-5017.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Those who are vision-impaired or without sight compensate, a bit, by sturdy independence. Just the same, with wintry and bad weather coming, the help of volunteer drivers with cars, who could provide transportation for blind persons to clinic appointments and other necessary outings, would be appreciated and helpful.

If you can help weekly, monthly or occasionally, please call the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

JCC VOLUNTEERS

The Jewish Community Centre is looking for volunteers to work, one-on-one, with special needs members. Volunteers are needed to help integrate these members into the ongoing JCC programs.

For information, call 636-1880, ext. 220 or 238.

BBW INFORMATION ON AIDS

B'nai B'rith Women is offering a concise fact sheet on AIDS, available free of charge. Write to BBW Program Department, 6th floor, B'nai B'rith Women, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. 20036.

CAMP RAMAH

Camp Ramah is holding a 1988 slide show and information session in Toronto and Hamilton this week.

In Toronto, the date is Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7.30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

The Hamilton session is on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Rd.

For information, call the camp office at 789-2193.

OUT OF TOWNERS

A social group for those who have recently arrived in Toronto, ages 20-30, is being formed.

If you are interested, call **George** at 783-0412 between 6 and 9 p.m. No Shabbat calls.

CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

Aluma, the Canadian Israeli Club, is hosting an evening of dance instruction by **Millie Katz** on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7.30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre Fireside Lounge, 55 Ameer Ave.

Also, Aluma is arranging a Chanukah party for Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre Assembly Room. It will feature dinner and the **Alec Berk** band. The cost is $10 Wagman Centre members, $12.50 non-members.

For information and reservations, call **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546 or **Shelly Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

WINTER SERVICES BROCHURE

Chase away the cold thoughts of winter — register now for North York parks and recreation department's winter programs.

Tap your feet, learn to ski, or swim a lap. These and many more activities are offered for seniors, adults and children. Evening and daytime classes are available.

The new winter services brochure lists all programs and services offered by the North York parks and recreation department. It is available at all North York libraries, recreation facilities and information centres or at the North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St. Pick up your copy today.

SOLOMON SCHECHTER AWARDS

Beth Tikvah Congregation received two Solomon Schechter Awards for Adult education and Soviet Jewry at the recent 75th biennial convention of the United Synagogues of America. From left are Debbi Solomon, Beth Tikvah; Herman Gottesman, president, Ontario Region, United Synagogue; Stan Solomon, Beth Tikvah, and Ruth Bass, international vice-president of United Synagogue of America and immediate past president of Ontario Region. [Mollie Rothman photo]

HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Debbie Cooper (centre), membership chairman, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, was guest speaker at a recent Hamilton Hadassah membership "progressive dinner." With her are (second from left) Hamilton Hadassah president Ilona Feldman and the three hostesses who loaned their homes for the dinner, Susan Waldman (left) and (from far right) Rita Shapiro and Miriam Lidenberg.

at the jcc

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch presents Chanukah Land for children ages 2-6 with Chanukah crafts, latkes, dreidls and a special performance by **Kayla Goren**, children's entertainer, on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is free.

The JCC North-East Valley branch annual family Chanukah celebration takes place Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at 7015 Leslie St. There will be much activity — something for everyone including holiday cooking, arts and crafts, bingo, musical games and a candlelighting ceremony plus a special performance by the Shere Clown Band. Latkes and doughnuts will be served. This is one program you and your family will not want to miss. The cost is $7 per family for JCC or NE branch members, $10 per family for non-members. For more information, call **Rose Shapiro** or **Esther Albert** at 889-0813.

Couples Over 40, a Gathering of Friends, is having a Chanukah party. Don't miss this general meeting on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. It will be an evening of great fun, great dancing led by **Al Gladstone**, great food, holiday fare, latkes and more. The charge is $7.50 per couple. For more information, call **Rose Shapiro** at 889-0813 or **Hy Schwartz** at 226-3449.

Join the JCC Valley Singles Network (ages 30-49) for just $18 a year. Each member receives bi-monthly newsletters and reduced rates to all singles activities as well as all NE branch mailings. Call 889-0813 for information.

Join the crowd at the JCC Valley Singles Network (ages 30-49) annual Chanukah dance on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 8.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. There will be refreshments, a deejay with music you love to dance to, spot dance prizes and a surprise door prize. The charge is $5 members with cards, $7 non-members. For information, call 889-0813.

At the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) — Registration for winter courses opened Dec. 6 for members and will open Dec. 13 for non-members...Learn the meaning and history behind Chanukah with **Rabbi David Azen** on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 8-9.30 p.m. Included will be a discussion on Why Jews Do Not Celebrate Christmas...Sing, relax and listen with others at the Israeli folk night on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 7.30-11 p.m. The charge is $3 JCC members, $4 non-members...Light the candles of joy at the family Chanukah party on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1-3 p.m. There will be entertainment for all ages including a singer, puppet show, folk dancing, crafts, dreidl games and more. Admission is $2 JCC members, $7 JCC families, $3 non-members and $10 non-members families...This winter break sign your child up for winter vacation fun days. Each day includes gym, swim and specialty workshops — Monday, Dec. 21, Making Your Own Legend — Mask Making; Tuesday, Dec. 22, Painting Panache; Wednesday, Dec. 23, Clowning — Pottery; Thursday, Dec. 24, Make Your Own Music Video; Monday, Dec. 28, Cooking — Magic; Tuesday, Dec. 29, Puppets: Making and More; Wednesday, Dec. 30, Noah's Ark — Architecture: Fantasy Construction, and Thursday, Dec. 31, Music Jamboree. The cost is $13 per day for JCC members, $18 per day for non-members...For information about all these activities, contact **Sarah Casse** at 924-6211.

DOLL AID

Heather Sloman (left), occupational therapist, and Susan Spiegel, physiotherapist, two Torontians who have worked at the Alyn Hospital in Jerusalem, receive the dolls which will be sold at Mount Sinai Hospital gift shop and Holy Blossom Temple Judaica shop in aid of the Alyn Hospital.

for seniors

The JCC Singers, under the direction of **Esther Ghan-Firestone** with **Sara Barkin-Sandler** at the piano, will be participating in the Chanukah festivities at North York Civic Hall on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For bookings and information on how to join this friendly seniors choir, contact **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

Beth Sholom Seniors Chanukah party is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Guest artist will be **Cantor David Bagley**. The charge is $2 members, $4 non-members. This is the last meeting of the season. Club meetings will resume. March 9.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, discussions and chess...Shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.30...The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. On Dec. 15, **Israel Kopyto** will speak on The Nuremberg Trials...The Chanukah party with refreshments, latkes and dancing to the music of the **Morris Turk** orchestra, takes place Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Borochov Centre.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is holding a pre-Chanukah fashion show and luncheon on Monday, Dec. 14, at 12.30 p.m. The charge is $4 members, $5 guests...Also, plans are going ahead for the trip to Miami. For further information about club activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

The Senior Sinais Chanukah party on Tuesday, Dec. 15, features a luncheon with entertainment by **Jeff King**. The time is 1 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. The cost is $8. Reserve by calling 226-3252 or 789-1901.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club, 4169 Bathurst St. (at Sheppard), is presenting a film show on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. with three films — Chassidim, Jewish Wife and A Day in a Kibbutz. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for members, $1 for non-members...The next dance with a live band is set for Sunday, Dec. 13, from 8-11 p.m. The charge is $3 mem-

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bers, $4 non-members...The New Year's eve party is sold out. For information about club events, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Workmen's Circle Social Club Chanukah party takes place Tuesday, Dec. 15, beginning at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. **Rabbi David Monson** will be present and there will be entertainment...Be sure to come to the meeting on Dec. 22 to collect your tickets for the Miami trip. For information, contact **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

The Tuesday, Dec. 15, Chanukah party arranged by **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** will feature the 25-member Creative Living Choir plus latkes and prizes. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., and the charge is $4. Please reserve by calling 781-3511. There will be no meetings on Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 due to the holidays.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni's Chanukah luncheon is set for Wednesday, Dec. 16, at noon at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. **Roy Schatz** and friends will be entertaining with songs from Gilbert and Sullivan. The cost is $8. Phone 789-3291 for information...The Alumni will be closing for January anf February. Plans are to reopen March 2. Watch for details.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave...Are you a soprano, a bass or alto or just enjoy singing? A choir is being formed as part of a new and exciting intergenerational music program called Inter-Link. Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesdays from 10-11.30 a.m. at the Wagman Centre. Inter-Link brings together two separate choirs, seniors and elementary students, in two annual performances. It is sponsored by North York Board of Education and the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre. The musical director is **John Herberman**. To register or for further information, call **Tanya Kuchinsky** at 789-5131, ext. 2271...Hershele, a Chanukah musical show directed by **Nathan Garnick** with accompanist **Nathan Rosen**, is being presented on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Admission is $2 for Terrace residents, members and students, and $3 general admission at the door...Meet the Author on Thursday, Dec. 10, features **Cyril Levitt** and **William Shaffir**, authors of The Riot at Christie Pits. The time is 10.30 a.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Admission is free...A Chanukah party on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room is being sponsored by Aluma, the Canadian Israeli Club. The cost is $10 members, $12.50 non-members. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

At the **Good Age Club** at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), there will be entertainment by the Second Mile mini-band on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m...Celebrate with the Good Age Club at the bright and cheerful Chanukah party on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. with great food, singer **Arnie Wiskin** and more. The charge is 50c Good Age members, $1 non-members.

Join in Chanukah fun on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. with **Coffeehouse 60** in the Bloor Y board room.

A new club is starting — the **Diamond Jubilee** — for seniors interested in outings, socials, dancing and dancing lessons. The fee is $3 per year. The club meets Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. and every third Sunday of the month at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs. For information, call 782-5024.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The La'Briyut Wellness Centre offers a variety of health clinics. Vision tests are available on Monday, Dec. 14, foot care every Thursday, short-term individual counselling every Thursday with the public health nurse, nutritional counselling every Monday with a dietician-nutritionist.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue, **Ann Freebairn** from the department of chiropody at Northwestern Hospital, will talk on What is Chiropody.

To make an appointment for any of the clinics, counselling services or health promotional programs or to find out more about the La'Briyut Wellness Centre, call **Margaret Sparling**, coordinator of health services, any weekday at the centre between 9 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

NEW PRESIDENT

Sandy Cohen (left), passes on her president's gavel to newly-installed sisterhood president Renee Margolin at a recent Beth Torah Sisterhood dessert supper and installation program. The installing officer was Linda Lallouz, immediate past sisterhood president. [Mollie Rothman photo]

About People

TEACHERS HONORED BY PEERS

Two North York special education teachers have been recognized as Teacher and Educator of the Year respectively by Ontario's Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

Adele Wall, a teacher at Muirhead Public School, received the Teacher of the Year award from her central Ontario peers at a recent event at the Royal York Hotel. **Helen Gilks** received Educator of the Year honors for her lifetime dedication and contributions to the education of exceptional students. Both were previously recognized by the North York chapter in May.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV U.

Eugene Grant of New York, who is known to Torontonians as **Hortense Geldzaeler's** son-in-law, has been elected a vice-president of American Friends of Tel Aviv University. He has endowed the Eugene Grant Doctoral Fellowship Fund.

CORNERSTONE LAYED

Laying the cornerstone recently of the Leslie campus of Associated Hebrew Schools are (from left), Robert Daniels, his father John Daniels and his uncle Phillip Daniels. The building has been named the Aba and Esther Danilack Education Centre in honor of their grandparents and parents respectively.

NA'AMAT WINNER

Ronit Alpert, 15, won the Na'amat Ben-Gurion Essay Competition celebrating the centennial of the birth of Israel's first Prime Minister. Ronit was a graduating student of the Bialik Hebrew Day School. Her prize was an Israel Bond.

Ronit Alpert

Immediate past national Na'amat chairman of Jewish education **Mollie Rothman** announced the winners in each of the two age categories, 12-15 years and 16-18 years, at the recent Na'amat national convention held in Toronto. **Danny Ritter**, 16, of Montreal's Bialik Hebrew High School was the other winner of a Bond.

TEL AVIV U VICE-PRESIDENT

In the Nov. 26 About People column, an item about Tel Aviv University vice-president Col. Yehiel Ben-Zvi's recent visit to the Toronto and Montreal chapters of the Canadian Friends of TAU appeared with the wrong picture. Here it is with the right one.

Col. Ben-Zvi

In Toronto Col. Ben-Zvi met with the leadership and supporters of TAU and was hosted for dinner at the Primrose Club by chapter president **Stanley Witkin** and his wife **Rosalind.**

In Montreal he attended the annual national board of directors meeting held at the Montefiore Club and a cocktail reception in his honor at the home of **Marcel** and **Annie Adams.**

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Shayla at 422-2528.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents — Singles Night at the **Novotel Hotel,** Gibson Ball Room, 2nd Floor. **Sunday, Dec. 13,** 8:00 p.m. 3 Park Home Ave. (3 lights north Yonge/Sheppard.) $8.00. Sid — 222-7111.

Dinner Dance for college and university educated men and women. Saturday, December 12th. Membership **Not Required.** Advance reservations. High Society — 633-8908.

Sing, relax and listen with others at the Bloor Y's Israeli folk night, Thursday, Dec. 10, 7:30-11:00 p.m. $3.00 JCC members, $4.00 non-members.

"How do today's single men and women view each other?. This is a topic of the panel discussion debate at Chai Singles 35 Plus. Sunday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m., 3080 Bayview. Members $3.00, Visitors $5, includes refreshments. Come with an open mind, bring your ideas, questions, and a friend. See you there. Information 499-1992.

Chai Singles Group 35 Plus, hosts a champagne New Year Party, in a private home. Good food, games, dancing. Members $25, Guests $30, all included. Limited to 50 people. Reservations required. A.S.A.P. Helen 499-1992;or Selma 663-8141.

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Kashruth Council updates directory

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The Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division of the Toronto Jewish Congress has published a December Update to the 1987 Kashruth Directory. These products and services are under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth:

Coco Cola Foods Canada Inc. COR 226 is a new unit producing a variety of Minute Maid frozen concentrate juices.

The Park Plaza Hotel at 4 Avenue Rd. in Toronto now has a kosher kitchen on its premises. For more information call 924-5471.

The Smoked Fish Factory COR 7 has added two new smoked fish products — Epic-Cure and Harfisco.

Cadbury-Schweppes Powel Inc. COR 76 has deleted bar mixes and fruit juices which are no longer under supervision, but their cocoa and chocolate drinks remain under COR supervision.

Frito-Lay Canada Ltd./ Ltee COR 14 is no longer producing Jack's Popcorn under COR supervision.

Herschel's Restaurant, Chinese Food and Deli is no longer in business.

In the commercial department, the following companies and products have joined the COR list: The Bulk Carriers Co. COR 236 (oil tank carrier company), Domtar Chemicals Group COR 227 (industrial cleaners), May & Baker Canada Inc. COR 234 (antioxidants), Mimac Glaze Ltd. COR 233 (powdered icing stabilizers and prepared bakery icings, Kitchens of Sara Lee Canada COR 53D (variety of frozen cakes for commercial use).

For further information, call the Kosher Information Service (416) 635-9550.

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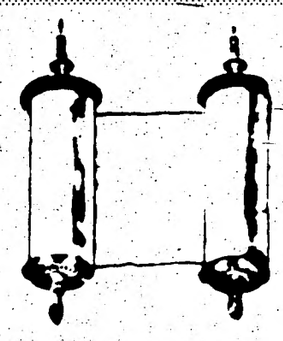

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeshev

A good child adds years to the life of a parent.

The son of Reb Yossef Ber of Brisk became engaged to the daughter of a very well-to-do businessman, and received a dowry of 30,000 rubles.

The next day, he boasted to his friends of his great fortune. His father, Reb Yossef Ber, chided him. "Don't be too conceited. This dowry was given because of me — not you."

"You mean to say, father," answered the son, "that you are only worth 30,000 rubles?"

"I am worth much more," responded the father, "but I lost some because you were involved in this business."

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Father Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons — and that brought him grief.

He saw the beauty of one child — but he didn't appreciate his other sons in comparison.

What was Joseph's greatness? He was the arch-enemy, the opposite of his wicked uncle, Esau. Taught Rashi: "A spark goes forth from Joseph that will destroy all of Esau's forces."

Adds the Medrash: Joseph is Esau's satan (enemy, stumbling block).

Why? What power did a Joseph have over an Esau?

But Esau had a fine trick. He *looked* good. He looked religious. He did outwardly all the right things, said the right phrases in public, in front of his blind father Isaac. Inside, he was rotten, was hypocritical, was smirking at his own words. He conned the best of them, probably even his grandfather Abraham.

Joseph was the opposite. He hid everything. He looked cool. He spent time brushing his hair, making his appearance blend in, seem normal, with it.

Inside, privately, he sanctified himself with holiness. No one knew. His father loved him because he had the same face as his beloved wife Rachel. But his brothers saw the outside. They were suspicious of him. While inwardly, great things were happening.

Of all the seven guests of Succot, Joseph is called the Tzaddik, the Righteous, the pure one. Only a Joseph could overcome the lewdness of Egypt.

A Jew has to hide, hide himself, hide his actions, hide his charity, hide his mitzvahs, hide, hide, hide, and sanctify every action to God.

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Joseph made life difficult for his brothers. He brought "dibatam ra'ah" — bad reports — to his father.

Does that sound like Joseph, to go around gossiping about his own family?

Comments Reb Menachem of Amshinov: He didn't actually speak badly about them. But whenever the brothers did something wrong, Jacob would hold Joseph up as an example. Joseph wouldn't do something like that! Look at Joseph the tzaddik, would he do something like that? They looked bad in comparison, and they hated Joseph for it.

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Oversees citizenship portfolio

Phillips to strengthen rights body

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — The Ontario Human Rights Commission may be well established after 25 years in existence, but by no means is it static.

There are a number of changes coming up at the OHRC in the coming months — all designed to strengthen the government agency, says Ontario's new minister of citizenship Gerry Phillips.

As head of the new citizenship portfolio (citizenship and culture constituted one ministry in the last government), he is responsible for the race relations directorate and the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

In this capacity, he said his first priority is to strengthen the commission by providing it with more resources to begin dealing with systemic discrimination and improve the compliance and handling process to help clear up the backlog of cases before it.

"There's also the whole question of helping it become a little more arm's length versus the government," Phillips told The CJN. "So we're planning to locate it in its own location and to have the human rights staff report to the commission rather than to a deputy."

With these changes will come a new chairman as the current chairman Canon Bordon Purcell's term expires at the end of the year. Phillips praised the current chairman for serving the commision well and said a new chairman will be appointed this week.

While overseeing the OHRC is a big part of his duties, it is by no means his only task as one of two ministers dealing with the ethnic community (Citizenship and Culture and Communication Minister Lily Munro is the other and will be profiled at a later date).

He said citizenship and culture were separated primarily to give citizenship its own focus and to make certain everyone is ensured equal opportunity regardless of background.

His ministry has the responsibility for new immigrants in Ontario and working with the native community to help them with their community organizations.

"What we've done is to put into one ministry the areas we think have the biggest impact in insuring every single individual in Ontario has equal opportunity, equal rights, equal access to full citizenship," the minister said.

As the new citizenship minister, Phillips was also given the responsibility for developing and implementing the government's multicultural strategy which Munro introduced in the last legislative session.

The new policy is being designed to ensure that all government services are fully accessible to multicultural groups. It will encompass all government ministries and will involve a 5-year plan to ensure programs operated or funded by the province respond to the needs of the multicultural society.

Phillips said he will play a key role in this comprehensive policy in making sure he is advocating on behalf of the ethnic communities involved. In doing this, he believes his background will be an asset.

Gerry Phillips

Before entering the legislature, Phillips was chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto School Board, chairman of Canadian Marketing Associates and served on the board of governors for Scarborough General Hospital.

With his experience in the field of education and public service, the minister said he has a strong appreciation of what's realistic and what's not realistic.

As well, he added that being the MPP for Scarborough Agincourt will certainly help, as it one of the most ethnically diverse ridings in Canada.

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Nov. events profoundly affected his life, dinner told

Schild celebrates 40th anniversary as a rabbi

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

To mark 40 years as spiritual leader of a congregation would be a milestone for any rabbi. However for Rabbi Erwin Schild, celebrating it in November made it even more special.

Schild told over 600 people at the recent gala testimonial dinner which wound up a weekend 40th anniversary celebration that November was a good month for him to be celebrating as two events which affected his life happened in the 11th month.

He said the first took place Nov. 9 and 10 in 1938 on Kristallnacht when hundreds of synagogues were destroyed, business and dwellings were trashed and Torahs were burned.

"In the aftermath came Dachau, the lowest point of my life," Schild recalled. "I was deprived of humanity, dignity and delivered with utter helplessness into the hands of merciless enemies.

"It was an end of an era in my life and in history," the rabbi said. "Many of my roots were severed. I was 18 years old and sat on the ash heap of my life."

Just nine years later, Schild said another event took place which renewed his hope for the future.

On Nov. 29, 1947, just a few weeks after Schild had assumed the position of spiritual leader of the First Roumanian Hebrew Congregation Adath Israel, the United Nations General Assembly voted on the resolution to partition Palestine.

Schild said the vote — exactly 40 years ago to the date of the testimonial dinner — not only affected the course of Jewish history, but his life and his rabbinate as well.

"I had tasted and experienced the desperation, the bitterness of the Galut and I could contrast it with the hopefulness of the future," he said. "The tension between November 9 and 29 has been one of my sources of inspiration."

In thanking his friends and congregants for the numerous tributes and gifts presented during the course of the weekend, Schild thanked his parents for making a mench out of him, his wife Laura for her loyal support and patience, his children for the experiences of parenthood and his grandchildren.

He also praised the synagogue's lay leadership and his teachers who opened "my mind and taught me to see and explore and speculate and tell truth from falsehood."

Schild also paid special tribute to Adath Israel's shamash Alex Koenigsberg and his personal secretary Bea Solomon.

"In all modesty the success of Adath Israel was due to God's providence in bringing three people together, Koenigsberg, Bea and myself," Schild said. "Koenigsberg helped make people feel at home and Bea has been my organizer, planner, sounding board, critic and conscience."

"Fresh injection of leadership spirit"

Schild also singled out Adath Israel's Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum for providing the synagogue with a "fresh injection of professional leadership spirit" for the past 20 years.

Kirshblum was one of many cantors who joined in the weekend celebration which kicked off Friday evening with a special Oneg Shabbat service and reception. The keynote speaker was Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly in New York.

Special guests officiating at the Friday service included Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; Rabbi Philip Scheim, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am; Cantor Louis Danto, Beth Emeth; Cantor Hesh Meyersdorf, Beth David; as well as the Adath Israel Choir.

On Saturday morning over 1,200 people packed Adath Israel's sanctuary to hear Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, deliver the keynote speech. The service was officiated by Adath Israel's Rabbi Howard Markose, Kirshblum and the choir.

At the testimonial dinner a number of dignitaries praised Schild for his numerous contributions to the synagogue and community.

Kirshblum, who also serves as Adath Israel's educational director, thanked Schild for encouraging him to become involved in the synagogue beyond the cantorate and praised him for building Adath Israel into a flourishing synagogue of 1,800-member families.

David Feldman, a past president of Adath Israel, read a letter from Schild's teacher and mentor Rabbi Abraham Price, and announced that in honor of Schild's 40th anniversary with Adath Israel, a Torah scroll had been commissioned to be written in Israel, and will be presented in the shul when completed.

He said proceeds from the dedication will be used to to establish the Rabbi Erwin Schild Educational Endowment Fund which will provide financial assistance to future Torah and rabbinic scholars.

Mark Alter, president of Adath Israel Brotherhood, presented the rabbi with a sculpture created by Anne Harris. It represents two contemporary rabbis, carrying Torahs. One represents a German Torah from the 17th century and the otehr a vertical Torah from the 19th century.

Ira Schecter, chairman of the United Synagogue Day School's board of directors, credited Schild for playing a major role in the development of the school and presented him with a book on Israeli Jewish art for Adath Israel's library.

Pnina Spetgang, president of Adath Israel Sisterhood, praised Schild for helping make it "one of the largest sisterhoods in the community."

Marsha Cohen, president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario Branch, and vice-president of United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, said Schild has played an important role in helping build the Conservative movement in Ontario.

Following a testimonial slide show on the life of Rabbi Schild and his family, Laura Schild said that being a rebbetzen for 40 years has been "quite gratifying" and her activities in sisterhood and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism has given her a special comradeship with sisterhood members.

Others to bring greetings were Ronald Appleby, immediate past president of Toronto Jewish Congress; the Right Reverend Arthur D. Brown, Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Toronto; Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, representing Toronto Board of Rabbis; Sid Starkman, past president of Adath Israel; Morris Baker, president of Adath Israel; and Ben Applebaum, chairman of the 40th anniversary celebration.

Toasting Rabbi Erwin Schild (left) on the occasion of his 40th anniversary as spiritual leader of Adath Israel Congregation is (from left) his wife Laura, Morris Baker, president of Adath Israel, and Ben Applebaum, chairman of the 40th anniversary committee. In background is portrait of Schild on his 25th anniversary with the synagogue. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Organizations and People

Racial stereotypes, teaching methods to be discussed

CJC forum planned on controversial literature

TORONTO —

Because of the "long-standing" problem of teaching controversial literature in Ontario schools, the Joint Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, will host a public forum on the issue, 8 p.m., Dec. 14, at the Lipa Green Building (4600 Bathurst St.), JCRC chairman Rose Wolfe says.

The forum will attempt to sensitize the public, especially teachers and students, to the problems of teaching literature that contains racial stereotyping and negative portrayals of racial or religious minorities, Wolfe said.

The teaching of works such as The Merchant of Venice, The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz and Oliver Twist has become a sore point in the Jewish community.

Last year, a coalition of over 100 parents in Kitchener, after years of lobbying, persuaded the local school board that students in more senior grades would be better equipped to handle the anti-semitic content of The Merchant of Venice.

This followed years of anti-Jewish incidents during the play's teaching, in which Jewish students often found themselves the targets of anti-semitic slurs and taunts.

At least one student reported that pennies had been thrown at her amid cries of "Pick them up, Jew!" Often, Jewish students would also be asked by teachers to read the part of the work's central character, Shylock, a shady moneylender.

The school board agreed to suspend Shakespeare's play from the curriculum pending guidelines for its teaching currently being prepared by the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the ministry of education.

Wolfe points out that the JCRC "never asked for the play to be banned. We just wanted it taught to older, more mature students."

Other minorities have also been affected by the teaching of racially sensitive literature. Classics like Uncle Tom's Cabin, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Little Black Sambo have proven offensive to Toronto's Black community. In some Metro high schools, these books have been removed from the curriculum.

The Arab population has also taken issue with the Leon Uris book The Haj, while Canada's native population has long been upset with its portrayal in history textbooks as cut-throats and drunken savages.

The Jewish community, said Wolfe, has received the support of other ethnic minorities on this issue.

"Often, these books are taught in an insensitive way," she said. "Perhaps what we need is special teacher training in this area."

Ethnic groups must also walk a fine line, she noted, in being perceived as censors and book banners if a certain work meets with controversy.

The forum will feature a keynote address by Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple.

The panel will consist of Enid Lee, supervisor of race and ethnic relations at the North York Board of Education; Barbara Aggerholm, a Kitchener-Waterloo Record reporter who covered the events in Kitchener, and Monna Zentner, the parent representative and chairman of the Coalition for Educational Equality in Kitchener. Zentner was at the forefront of the battle against The Merchant of Venice.

"It isn't just the Jewish community that's been affected. The matter goes beyond to other groups," Wolfe stated.

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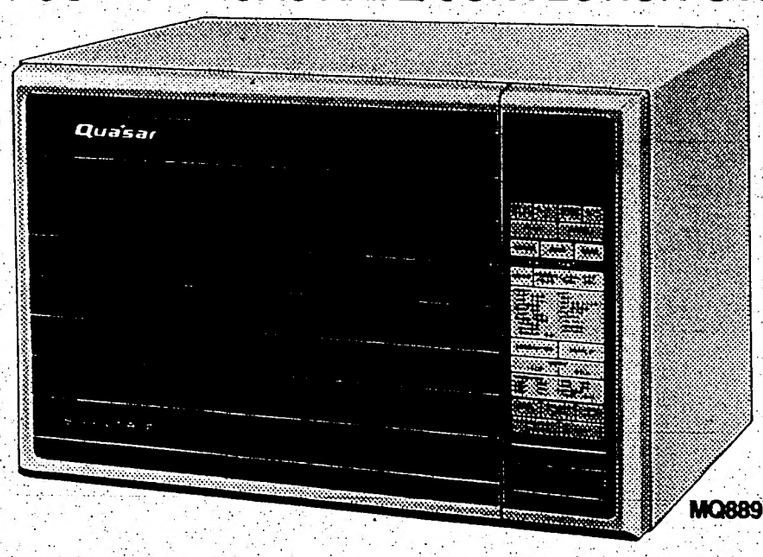

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Organizations and People

Hillel sets historical record straight

Knesset Speaker tells story of Jewish refugees

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Israel Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel wants to set the historical record straight.

The 64-year-old author and politician wants people to know the other half of the Mideast refugee story involving the plight of the Palestinians who became refugees as a result of Israel's creation in 1948.

The missing chapter, he says, involves persecuted Jews who left their Arab lands to settle in the new Jewish state.

"We did our utmost to absorb our immigrants as far and best as we could, while the Arabs did their best to prevent the Palestinian refugees from being absorbed in their country and in their economy.

"They disregarded their suffering in order to keep the political problem alive," he said.

Hillel — author of the recently-translated book Operation Babylon — was recently in town at the invitation of State of Israel Bonds.

During his visit, he spoke about the Jewish state's economic progress and his book — an award winning best seller in Israel — at a reception of about 100 people at Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla Congregation in the Bathurst St.-Sheppard Ave. area.

After his address Hillel was presented with a desk paperweight. The event was sponsored by the Canadian Sephardic Federation, Ontario Sephardic Association and State of Israel Bonds.

In an interview later, the Knesset member said Israel — initially about 100 times smaller and poorer than its Arab neighbors — managed to absorb about 700,000 Jews from Arab lands in the period following independence.

Shlomo Hillel

Yet the Arabs claimed they were unable to absorb 550,000 to 600,000 Palestinian refugees, who had fled the war into their countries.

"I do not deny that there was a certain amount of suffering on the part of the Palestinians who became refugees," Hillel said.

"But two things have to be kept in mind. First of all, it was not only one group of people that migrated. It was in two directions. The Jews also left the Arab lands, so there was an actual exchange of populations.

"The second point is the Arab countries could have easily helped these refugees to be absorbed in their countries. They were of the same language, of the same religion, of the same traditions."

Yet some of these war victims still remain in Arab refugee camps even now with second and third generation offspring.

Hillel said his book — the heroic story of the Iraqi Jews' rescue — tells "a part of our history that has not been told enough or has not been told at all."

In so doing it also contributes to "putting the record straight" with respect to the post-war refugees, he said.

Hillel, who was born in Baghdad, was involved as a young man in helping 125,000 Iraqi Jews escape to safety.

He was also active in the Aliyah Bet, a movement that brought Jewish survivors of Nazi death camps to Palestine.

He later served in Israel's cabinet as police minister and was ambassador to several African nations. He was also a member of Israel's permanent delegation to the United Nations, and director-general of the foreign ministry for Middle East Affairs.

The hardcover English version of his book is published by Doubleday of New York.

In Israel, where it is known as Rowah Kadim, the book has already been printed in nine editions in less than 2½ years. In 1986 it won the highly coveted Yitzhak Sadeh military literature award.

Greenspan cites lawyer's duty

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Defence attorney Edward Greenspan says he would defend hatemonger Ernst Zundel if asked to, in order to uphold the role of a trial lawyer.

"If I would not act for Zundel and we Jews became oppressed, whom could I turn to?" Greenspan said in a recent address at the Jewish Book Fair here. (He is the co-author with George Jonas of a book of memoirs titled Greenspan: The Case for the Defence.)

As he spoke, members of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association conducted a demonstration outside the Leah Posluns Theatre protesting a Jewish lawyer's willingness to defend the international pamphleteer debunking the Holocaust.

"Defending your enemy is the only way to ensure your own freedom," said Greenspan. "I hate neo-Nazis as much as anyone does," he said, adding that most of the European branch of his family was murdered in the Holocaust.

A criminal lawyer in Canadian law, he said, is the one individual acting strictly on behalf of an accused in the face of the government's police and judicial system. The accused faces "a great potential for injustice" that only his lawyer can mitigate, said Greenspan.

The criminal lawyer's role is a duty, he said. "A lawyer can no more refuse to defend a client because of his views than a doctor can refuse to treat a patient for AIDS," he said.

Violating this professional principle could set a precedent in times of political repression, according to Greenspan. "If I should have to ask someone to defend me for being Jewish, he could say: 'You didn't want to defend an anti-semite because you didn't like him. Why should I have to defend you now?' "

If things got that bad, fleeing the country would be your best defence, someone responded from the audience.

"A trial lawyer defends a client, not a crime," said Greenspan, who described some of the hostility he encountered outside the profession.

"My own mother is ambivalent about what I do for a living," he said. "Ambivalent may not be the right word," he added. "Al Capone's mother may have been more understanding of her son than mine of me," he said.

When asked if he would defend someone who murdered his own son, he answered: "Yes . . . but badly."

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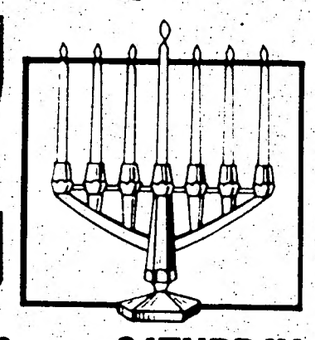

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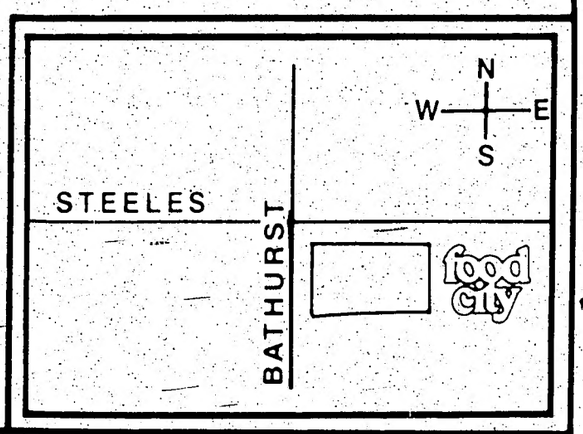

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Caras creation a show-stopper

Variety Club show an eclectic display of talent

Stephan Caras specializes in soft, elegant styles such as this one featured at the Variety Collection show. (Rough Layout photo)

Variety Collection.

The title for this show was perfect — 10 diverse Canadian labels presented fall and winter, holiday, cruisewear and spring groupings in fabrics that ranged from cotton to velvet; rayon to silk-backed crepe.

Price points and style of the lines varied almost as much as the designers themselves. In fact, variety was the only common denominator of the collection.

The show was produced by Wardrobe Wizardry with clothes coordination and commentary by Marie Moore. Choreography and set design were provided by Carl Young; music, by Brian Master; lighting, by Stagetech; staging by Optex.

The purpose of the show was to raise funds for The Variety Club of Ontario and, as a result, donations and services were contributed by Beaver Lumber, Denis Bouchard Hair, Studio Bedrock Makeup, Bookings Inc., models, volunteer dressers and spot light operators.

The first half featured creations by Brian Bailey for Bernard Cowan, Donna Stephens Knitwear, Leighton Barrett for Jastar, Hildegarde Sausic for Lalique and Regency Fur.

Bailey's street-smart skirts and sophisticated prints brought a refreshing, warm-weather feeling to the runway. His utilization of tiered panels and gathered waistlines were unique in the show.

Stephen's "postiano" scene in creamy pastels hinted of European destinations, while knitted shorts and bare midriff ensembles provided a popular group for teens.

Barrett, currently in Montreal, flew in a selection of monochromatic daywear, metallic thread dinner prints, coquette and velvet evening wear designs.

Sausic (also of the Hildegarde Collection) specializes in luscious black velvet evening wear for the holidays. Feminine and flirtatious yet demure and sensuous, her clothes lend to the excitement of the season.

Regency Fur offered both men's and women's coats. Coyete, raccoon, fox, mink and sheared beaver in exquisitely styled natural or custom-dyed pelts provided the perfect finale for the first half of the show.

Following intermission styles by Peter Lam, Rouie, Vernon/Vernon, Izzy Camilleri and Stephan Caras were presented.

Lam's silk and linen suiting is exceptional. It is still strong in neutrals — gray, cream and black — and subtle prints — dots and acorns. Lam is designing a complete line of men's wear for spring 88.

The Rouie label surprised the audience with its curt bell skirts and bubble minis from the holiday line. Draped bustiers and short boxed jackets shimmered on stage during Rouie's versatile Holiday/Cruisewear/Srping collection.

Vernon/Vernon opened its set with a gray, white and red spring grouping, newly arrived from Italian textile mills. This company specializes in matching fabrics, color and style to clients' individual preferences, while reflecting current trends with designer quality.

Camilleri is a young designer with a future. Her leather and suede treatments were definitely the hit of the show.

Forget the tendency towards standard repetition here — Camilleri offers a unique interpretation of this season's hottest fabrications in each and every garment. If you haven't seen her work you've missed one of Toronto's strongest fashion statements for spring.

Caras has been billed as "the designer who loves women" and no wonder. His finale gown — a French sequined lace top over a French silk lame skirt — was the epitome of femininity and glamor. This gown was auctioned at the Russian Ball held here earlier in the week.

Caras remains The Choice for show stopper finale fashions.

Stephan Caras created this bubble skirt in gold lame with black sheer bodice. (Rough Layout photo)

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Toronto's young designers shine at Spectrum show

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Fourteen of Toronto's best young designers gathered recently to display their talents at the New Dimensions Fashion Show and Sale.

Held at Spectrum, a flashy east-end dance club, the show presented a wide array of styles, from classic to avant garde.

Proceeds from the night were donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Sharna Segal, producer and coordinator of New Dimensions as well as a featured designer, called the night "a great success.

"It was a rough day but everything went smoothly on the night of the show," Segal said.

Rick Burtt designed this raw silk fitted dress with side tulip skirt.

Children's apparel popular

"Toronto has a lot to offer the world — there's a lot of talent here."

All the designs that graced the runway were available for purchase after the show, an opportunity that audiences appreciate, Segal said.

Children's wear, presented by two different designers, was a hit of the night, partly because of the colorful, imaginative creations and partly because of the lovely junior models.

Margo Biggs, like many of the designers a graduate of the International Academy of Merchandising and Design, received a good reaction for her children's designs.

Her track-style jump suits, decorated haphazardly with crests, logos and patches, looked fun and comfortable.

Seneca College grad Marilyn Felbert also created a stir with her children's designs.

Striped styles prevalent

Rainbow striped hats, skirts, and culottes glowed with color, and the children appeared to love wearing them.

Black and white were the colors of choice for most of the men's and women's wear.

Rick Burtt marked the successful debut of his Jersey City knit line. He combined black and white striping in a variety of ways in his comfortable, mix and match styles.

For men he matched basic black slacks with horizontal and vertical striped shirts and tank tops.

His knits for women, body-hugging off-the-shoulder black and white striped dresses were simple and attractive.

Burtt's eveningwear — especially a shimmering blue organza strapless gown with matching blue gloves and black crinolines — went over well.

Carol Gleason-Rechner created a romantic mood with her silver designs accented with red stripes. Particularly effective was a short cocktail dress with crinolines and a lace-up front.

For businesswomen, Deborah Hiscock presented classy looks including a wool houndstooth dress with silk insets. Her 100% wool winter coats featured a flannel back lining with chamois.

Nora Forsey's cotton robes and pyjamas for men had a cool, clean look. Robes were all in white with pastel pyjama bottoms underneath.

Shades of peach, mango, mauve and green were unusual and pleasant.

Segal's simply cut overcoats and jackets looked durable and comfortable while still retaining a sense of style. They were shown in light browns and dark blues, mostly cotton-rayon blends with light, warm thinsulate lining

Segal is hopeful the success of this year's show will bring about a repeat next year.

"I think we've shown there's a demand for it," she said.

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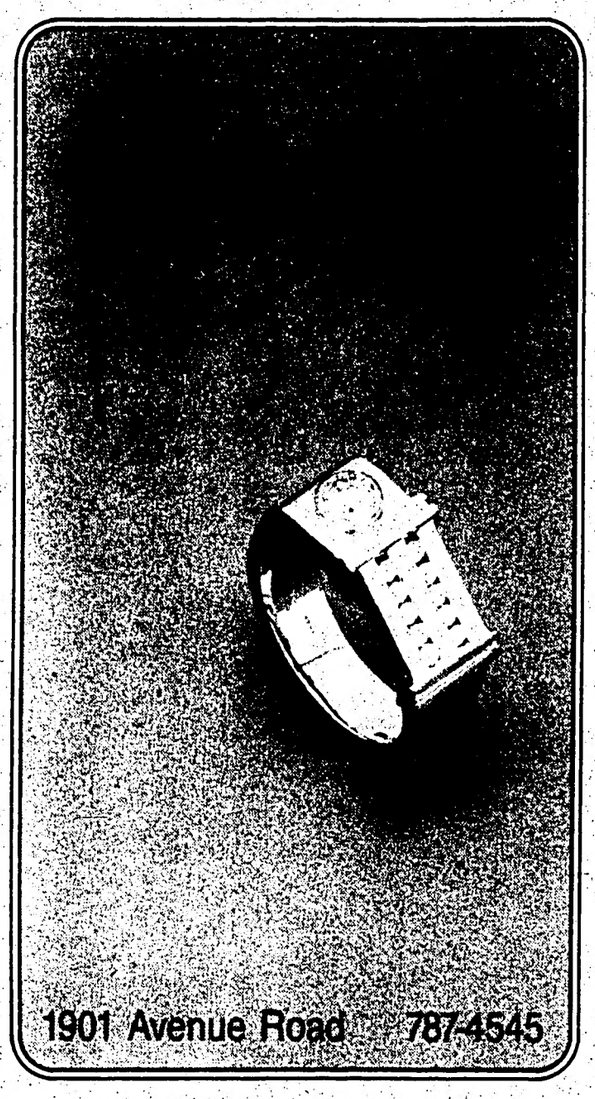
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Israel's designers flaunt their styles

TEL AVIV —

Seventeen of Israel's top designers flaunted their styles — everything from revealing bikinis to velvet evening wear — at a recent show here, the Associated Press reports.

In an article in The Globe and Mail, AP quotes Tel Aviv organizers as saying the show, which celebrates the 40th birthday of the State of Israel, is slated to go to Los Angeles in April where actress Elizabeth Taylor will serve as commentator. The tour is also expected to include New York, Philadelphia and Chicago.

The Globe article reports that Israeli fashion for the 1988 season is moving toward shorter, fuller skirts and warm earth colors. Shoulder pads now are rounded not square.

Among the young designers' work was Anat Globus, who teamed short skirts with hooded, full-length coats in light colors.

Casual and comfortable seems to be the byword in fashion — a carryover of lifestyle in Israel.

Skimpy swimsuits for which Israel is noted included designs by Gideon Oberson. Many of his styles in tropical colors were adorned with drawings of parrots.

Newcomer Orna el-Ami created waist-cut white shirts decorated with Hebrew verses, the theme of which was coexistence between Jews and Arabs.

Leather made a strong fashion statement in everything from culottes to bare-shouldered evening dresses by Gingette.

Leather used like a fabric

About this trend, show director Shooki Wagner said, "Today we are using leather like fabric, making halters and shorts as well as coats and skirts."

Among the evening wear collection was velvet evening wear by Jones which featured full skirts cut above the knee and smocked sleeves.

Denim was not a forgotten fabric. In the ready-to-wear styles for the young by Rosh Indiani; Dynamic and Gazoz, denim bikini tops were teamed with blue jean jackets.

Israeli designer Gideon Oberson presented this holiday dress at Adath Israel Sisterhood's recent fashion show.

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Renewed interest in hats

Whatever you call it, lid, *chapeau*, or just plain "hat," it has had quite a history. Aside from being worn for the most obvious reason — as a protective head covering — the hat has come to represent a religious symbol, and a sign of royalty or honor, as well as the mark of the debonair or the common man.

In the last decade, however, there seems to be a renewed interest in hats. Young men, not just their older counterparts, can be seen sporting everything from fedoras to watch caps to top hats.

Throughout history, certain types of head coverings became popular at certain times. While the homburg, a hat of soft felt with side brims slightly rolled and crown dented lengthwise, was popular in the thirties, the bowler, a more rounded hat, was most popular in the twenties, and the fedora was big in the fifties.

Everything from berets to pith helmets to sophisticated fedoras is popular today, with men viewing the purchase of a hat not just as a practical endeavor but as a statement of their individuality.

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Chime style earrings newest designs

Gold jewelry perfect complement to holiday styles

When dressing up for the festive season, gold is the perfect complement for the new evening attitude of redefined femininity.

Whether you choose a bubble dress in silk taffeta or a rhumba skirt and halter top in panne velvet, there is real gold jewelry available for every style, personality and pocketbook.

With a neoteric emphasis on standaway collars, Merry Widow bustiers, strapless gowns and empire waists, the fashion focus for holiday 87 moves upwards. And with hair pulled back into a chignon or top knot, ears are definitely in the spotlight.

To enhance these shoulder-baring looks, a pair of karat gold drop earrings provides the ideal finishing touch.

One of the season's newest designs is the waterfall or chime style — a cluster of tear drop shapes that dangle from the earlobe and move as you do. They work best when bold in scale but dainty in design.

Equally striking are the close-to-the-body designs in softened geometrics, some punctuated with colored gemstones, all with unlimited fashion mileage.

In a notable return to traditional elegance, menswear looks are also popular evening attire. Smoking jackets in luxurious fabrics teamed with body-hugging trumpet skirts, if not outright sexy, feminize the mannish suit. Classic button or fluted earrings in pink, white or yellow gold add polish and pizzazz to these subtly tailored fashions.

As wider, shapely lapels appear on jackets of all descriptions, gold pins become a staple fashion item this season. A single signature pin reflects a woman's personal fashion flair and can readily become an individual trademark.

The season's most interesting pin is designed with a special opening to hold a fresh flower, a colorful feather or whatever. Other popular motifs include bows, tubular geometrics and free-form squiggles.

For men, the look is refined. Expertly tailored tuxedos and dinner jackets demand distinctive gold accessories.

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Fashion school president

RAMAT GAN — Prof. David Samuel, the Sherman Professor for Physical Chemistry at Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, has been named president of the Shenkar College for Textile Technology and Fashion.

He succeeds Prof. Gad Alon, who died last July.

A member of the college's International Board of Governors since 1972 and of the college's Academic Advisory Council, Samuel has been affiliated with Weizmann Institute since 1949. He served as the dean of the chemistry faculty and founded the Center for Neurosciences and Behavioral Research which he headed until recently.

Born in Jerusalem and a grandson of Lord Samuel, the Palestine High Commissioner from 1920-1925, Samuel received his M.A. in Chemistry with honors from Oxford University in 1948 and his PhD. at Hebrew University in 1953. In addition to his tenure at Weizmann, he has had academic appointments and conducted research in the United States, England and Canada.

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From repairs to original designs

Trio has gemstone business covered

By JANE SHORT

There is no longer a need to feel bored by a lacklustre strand of pearls, or frustrated by jewelry pieces in need of a new lease on life. Three Downsview women can help you creatively bring a new look to a neckline or bracelet, perhaps involving your ideas in the process.

Eileen Silberzweig and her daughters Sandra and Susan have combined forces to develop a unique concept in the gemstone retail market.

In a comfortable, home-based showroom at 170 Elder St., the three women offer clients a complete jewelry studio: original designs, same day repairs, restringing, creative consultation, appraisals, goldsmithing service, findings replacement (those small pieces so often lost from, or broken off, jewelry: clasps, settings, small stones in borders, links, etc.), retail consignment of their designs and a bridal registry service.

While standard repairs, findings replacement and re-stringing form a bulk of the Silberzweigs' business, their focal point is their design services and in-house gemstone selection.

As the three concur, their different ideas and tastes combine to offer the customer a variety of gemstone interpretations, ranging from the conventional to the adventurous.

Sandra's skill of combining colors and textures in designs a step ahead of their time has added an element of interest to the firm's more conventional offerings.

Sandra says, "beads are beads . . . it's how you put them together that makes the difference. I have no fear of color . . . I put everything together; round, square and fancy cut shapes . . ."

A certified gemologist, appraiser and diamond grader, Sandra can advise a customer about which stones chemically, as well as aesthetically, are suited to be combined in a design.

The beauty and variety of cultured pearls makes them a great gift idea. (Rough Layout photo)

While the occasional customer wants a magazine piece copied, Eileen says, "the customer usually leaves the designing up to us." Appointments can be set up for one to three hour sessions, in order to allow the Silberzweigs time to fully assess a client's tastes, lifestyle and gemstone preferences.

If a special gown is to be worn, Eileen and her daughters can design a necklace specifically for the dress neckline and fabric. The Silberzweigs encourage questioning about all aspects of design, because as Susan says, "we like educated shoppers."

Personal involvement of a client also creates a truly personal piece of jewelry, to be kept for some time.

A visit to the shop is a colorful, tactile and comfortable experience. Rows of beautiful gemstones in a variety of colors are displayed on table tops, accessible for the customer to touch and explore.

Ivory, coral, lapis lazuli, malachite, mobe pearls, turquoise, tiger eye, cloisonne, and freshwater and cultured pearls are only a few of the tempting offerings, originating largely from the Orient.

A complete bridal registry is also available, enabling people to select gemstones in the bride's color and variety, as well as providing the bride and groom with special gift items for their respective wedding parties (i.e. a necklace for the bridesmaids in delicate stones).

Another unique design option offered by the Silberzweigs is the "alternative design concept," whereby a necklace can be shortened or restyled, with the remaining stones fashioned in an accessory bracelet, pin, or earrings.

New stones may be added to an existing piece, lending new style and excitement to old jewelry. Stones purchased on a trip can also be utilized in a design.

The three constantly combine their knowledge and design ideas to provide the latest in jewelry for clients.

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Mexx mall shows

Fun styles as well as wardrobe tips

By
MARIE MOORE

Mexx fashions were recently featured in The Taste and Try National Tour '87 program. The Toronto area enjoyed mall productions in Sherway Gardens, Pickering Town Centre, Burlington, Markville and Yorkdale malls. This unique concept mixes consumer product sampling, cooking demonstrations and contests with fashion presentations in selected plazas across Canada.

You can't beat Mexx for light-hearted, fun fashions and this show was full of high spirited energy. The purpose of the outfits was to offer valuable suggestions for people who need to get maximum mileage from their minimal clothes budget.

Ensembles indicated how to mix and match separates from the line, as well as what accessories are best suited to the Mexx collection. As a result, the colorful sportswear grouping was not only fun to watch but informative. Teens and young adults were given visual tips on time-saving and practical coordination techniques.

Choreography for the show was provided by Len Henry. Commentary was done by Terry Hart, co-author (with former Miss Canada Dominique Dufour) of the book entitled Cooking for 1, 2 or 3. Recipes from the text were highlighted in the Taste and Try segment of the program.

Staging was truly unique. Three sets of two-level boxed steps were arranged on stage. Models utilized these versatile platforms as they performed lively dance routines and interacted with others' props. When you consider that this 5-member cast has been touring since the end of August, it's amazing just how fresh and entertaining their Toronto performances were.

After leaving Metro, Mexx fashions will continue to Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City and Halifax. The show began in Vancouver and has already visited Edmonton, Calgary, Regina and Winnipeg.

Mexx proved itself to be a traveller with this particular event. Packed, modelled, repacked and remodelled across most of Canada — the garments still looked great! Soft pastels, fine stripes, roomy jackets and blouses, cartoon-clad shirts — everything you need for contemporary lifestyles.

You can purchase the Mexx label at the Bay, Eatons, Holt Renfrew, Sideffects and Simpsons (across Canada). Other Toronto boutique locations include Weekenders, Sporting Life, Klein Casuals (Atrium-on-Bay) Costelloe and Claxtons' Clothiers.

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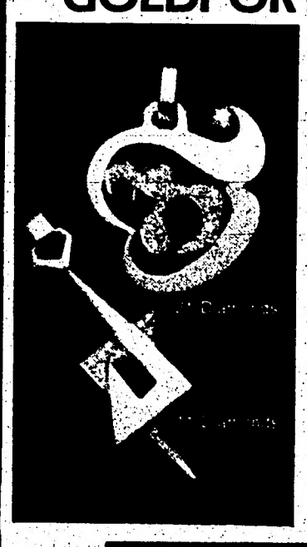

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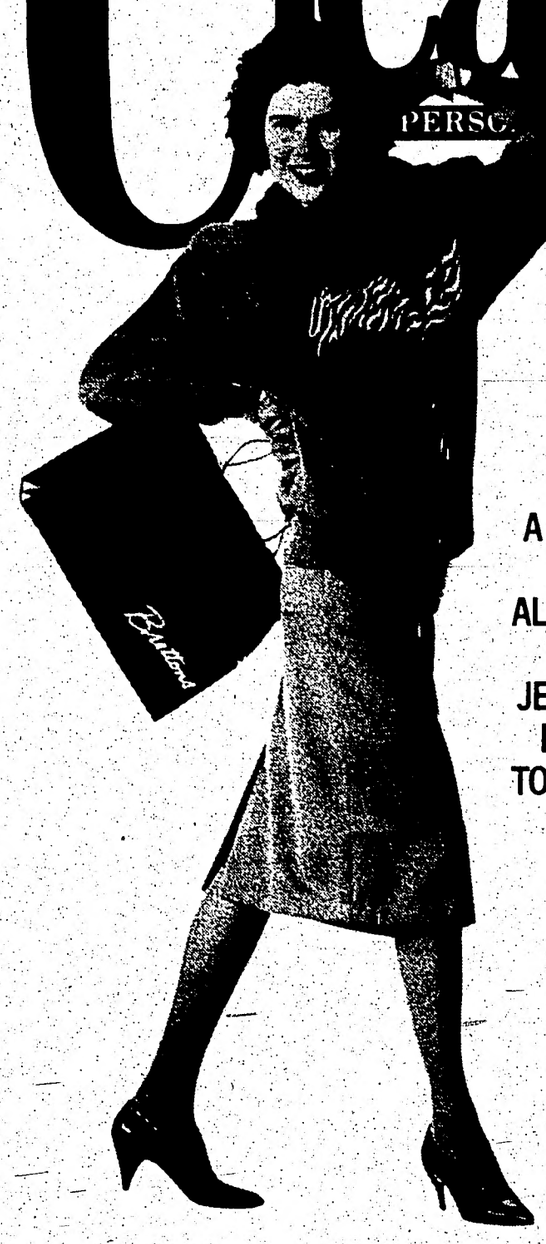

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Fashion

Demand for versatile outerwear

Walking coat most dominant new trend in furs

By
DOROTHY
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"Classic," "luxurious," and "elegant" have always been terms associated with fur fashions, but this season adjectives such as "sporty," "innovative," and "fun" can be added to descriptions about the designs Toronto's furriers are offering.

According to Jeffrey Nelson, of Norman Rogul Furs, the major news regarding current trends is "the dramatic increase in the short coat look."

Though the longer lengths certainly have not disappeared, the "walking jacket" or three-quarter length coat is an option that will be widely available this winter.

Nelson says that the shorter garments have been created in response to clients' desire for versatile outerwear which can be worn to casual as well as formal occasions.

At Rogul, besides the popular blondes and browns, furs come in regal purples, silvery blues, or gentle reds. The silhouettes shown are soft, round, and closer to the body than in previous seasons.

Shoulders are slightly padded and a number of the designs have shawl collars or the cross-over stand-up collar, which is reminiscent of the elégance of the fifties.

Rogul offers a more sporty choice as well, with epaulettes on the shoulder that extend down into the sleeve and with bands two to three inches above the cuff, which can be tightened to any width.

At Yukon Furs, Pat McDonagh has created lush garments inspired by Czarist Russia. Mink, fox, and sable come in hues of black, silver, mocha or royal blue. McDonagh's silhouettes are wide and roomy. Collars and sleeves often contrast in texture to the body of her coats.

And, this year, McDonagh, especially for the Yukon Furs label, has launched a line of summer furs. The collection includes mink and fox fischus in apricot and peach and long opulent white mink stoles.

At Norman Rogul Furs, coats and jackets are worked from fox, coyote, otter, raccoon or fisher, but according to Nelson, mink is still number one.

One of this season's most exquisite looks is an exclusive at Norman Rogul Furs. Incorporating the talents of artist Sunny Choi, the company has created a unique alternative to the traditional fur coat.

Rogul takes high quality mink coats, reverses them, takes out the lining, and commissions Choi to render original paintings done in oils onto the skin.

The result? A reversible coat which on one side is a classic fur and on the other is a wearable work of art.

Choi usually consults with customers regarding the choice of colors and themes. Her work is striking.

Model wears a hand-painted mink by Norman Rogul. Marie Josee Crete photo.

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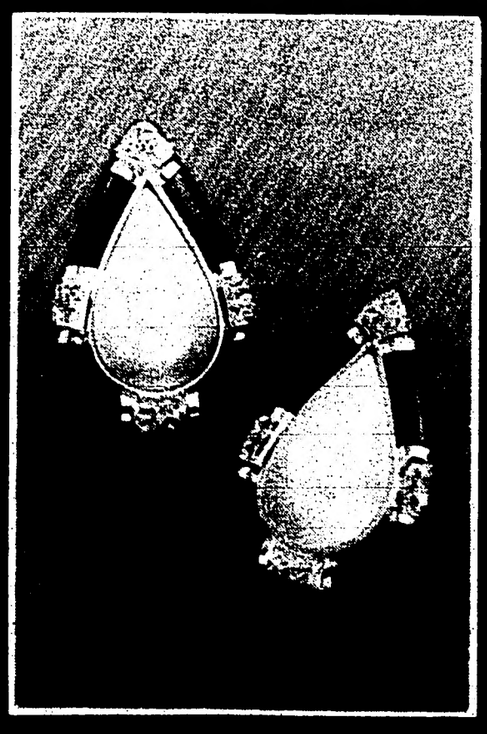

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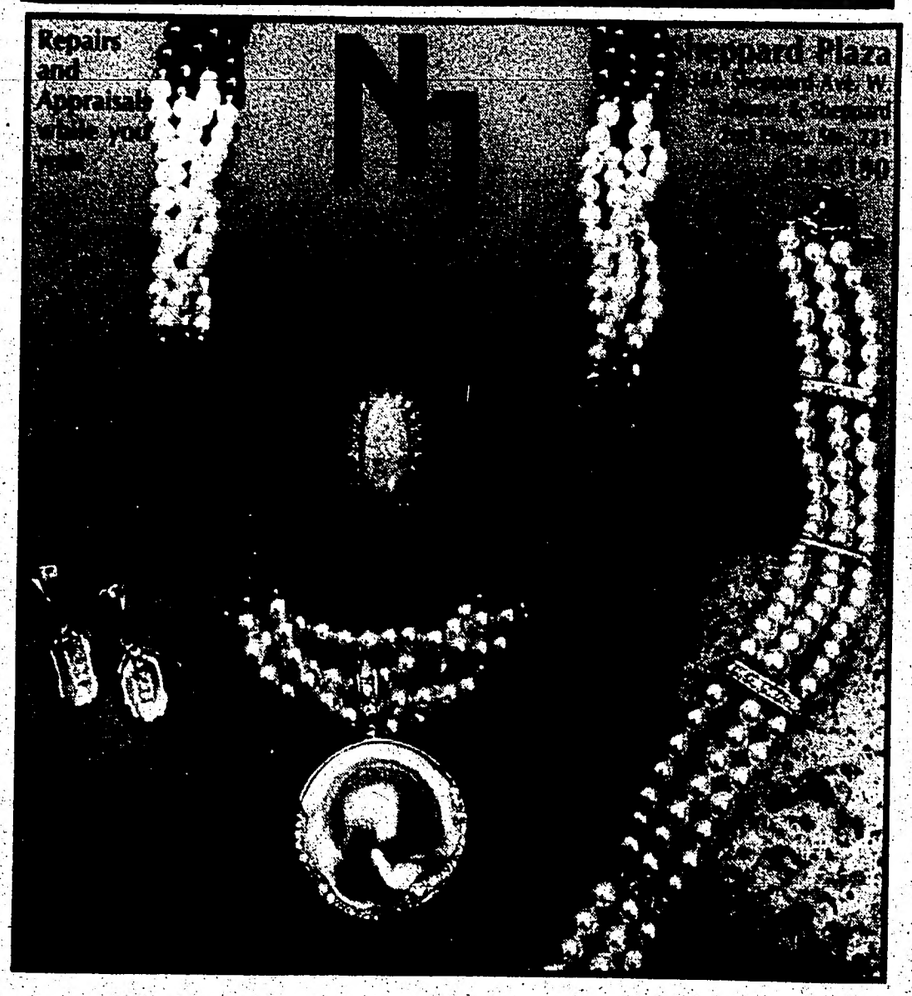


Gift baskets limited only by your imagination

Personalized presents are parceled to please

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Who is this "person who has everything" we keep worrying about when making up our holiday gift list?

With the variety of goods available in our conspicuously consuming society even the most acquisitive must surely be lacking something.

The trick is to find something the hard-to-buy-for person doesn't have, but after receiving it wonders how he or she ever did without it.

A gift basket from The Body Shop, specialists in skin and hair care products, with a dozen stores in the Metro area can be custom-designed for anyone on your list — and will keep giving pleasure long after the holiday season is over.

On your first visit, it won't take you long to discover that The Body Shop is not your average cosmetic store.

Established in England in 1976, the chain, now numbering more than 300 stores worldwide, has combined an enviable financial record with an inspiring and unusual respect for the environment.

All products are natural-based and tested without cruelty to animals. The bags in which you carry home your purchases are biodegradable. Extensive recycling programs and a refill bar where you can bring your empty containers and refill them helps keep costs down.

Once you have tried some of these natural products you will realize that conservation and concern for ecology are not the only reasons why they are used.

The pure fragrances of the fruits and flowers used in the products, and the cleansing and healing properties they contain have been known to man for thousands of years.

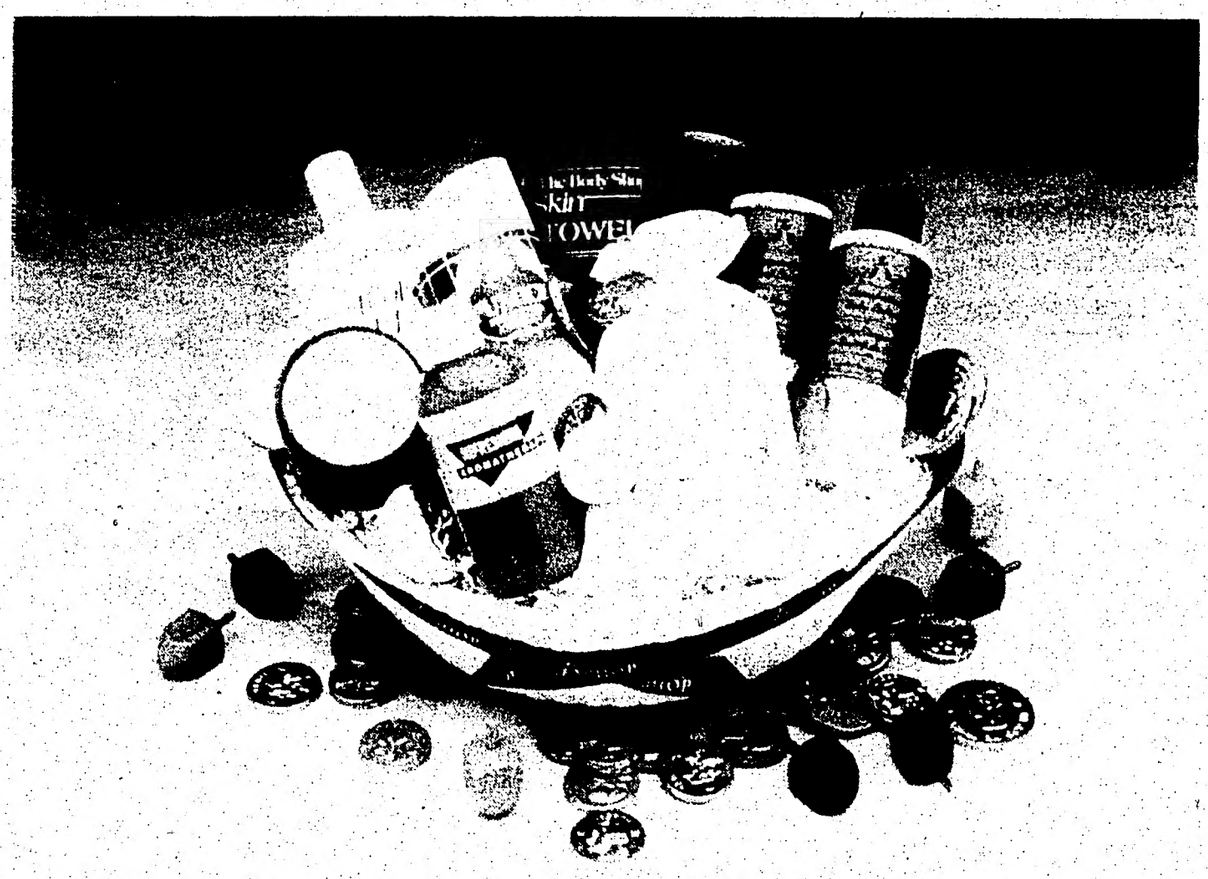
There is something for everyone, too.

If you know the person well, you may want to select the contents of the gift basket yourself. If not, staff will help you put it together or you can choose from an array of prepackaged, theme baskets.

For males, the Mostly Men skin care program is straightforward but effective. The line includes a facial scrub, facial wash, moisturizer, shampoo and conditioner. Any combination of the above packed in an attractive tote bag makes a fine gift.

Little girls love the grown-up feel and fragrance of shampoos, perfumes and bubble bath, which makes it easy to put together a gift basket for them.

"Just include lots of strawberry and you'll have a winner," said company president Margot Franssen. She says kids have a better sense of smell than adults.



The Body Shop offers this gift basket for "the person who has everything."

and strawberry is a perennial favorite.

Teenagers shouldn't be too hard to buy for either. A definite priority for adolescents is clear, healthy skin, and there are plenty of Body Shop products designed with teenagers in mind.

"We suggest a clear plastic drawstring bag filled with one of our huge, oversize Japanese Washing Grains T-shirts, Japanese Washing Grains, Sage and Comfrey Open Pore Cream and a delicious apricot, kiwi or cherry lip balm," Franssen said.

Half the fun of a giving a gift basket is choosing what to put in it. The list of products for women is extensive: facial cleansers, toners, oils, creams, body lotions and gels, shampoos and conditioners, perfumes — the list goes on.

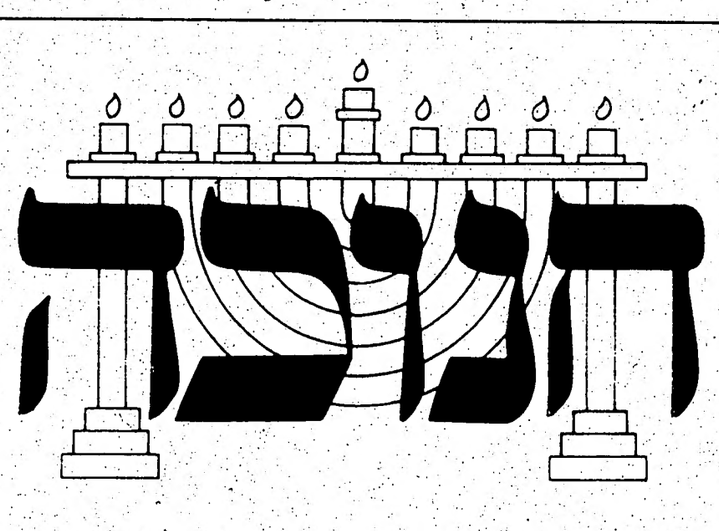
To make the gift really special, bring along something extra — a nice bottle of wine or a pair of tickets to the theatre — and staff will help you arrange it into a pleasing package.

For the busy woman, the combination of career, kids and Chanukah preparations is sure to be exhausting. Help her recover with an 'aromatherapy' gift package.

Used in the bath, inhaled or, ideally, gently massaged into the skin, aromatherapy products — made from the essential oils of several different fragrant plants — will soothe body, mind and spirit.

Designing a gift basket allows you to put your own stamp of creativity on a present. Don't be afraid to make suggestions or bring in your own additions to the package.

The hard part will be giving it away but you never know, maybe there's a basket with your name on it somewhere.



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Holiday Gifts

Religious, sentimental and esthetic value

Silver Judaica a cherished link with the past

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Sterling silver ceremonial Judaica is an art form that transcends time. It is as cherished today as it has been throughout the centuries for its religious, sentimental and esthetic value.

It also makes for a lovely Chanukah gift or for those special family occasions.

For Israel Weisblum, a diamond dealer, jewelry wholesaler, and collector of rare Jewish manuscripts and books, the art of silversmithing has always provided a rare fascination.

"Sterling silver Judaica represents a link with our past that can never be erased," said Weisblum in his downtown office recently. "It lasts a lifetime, never breaks, and beautifies every home."

Weisblum, who was born in Holland, was trained by his father, a Judaica collector of international fame. From childhood, the appreciation of Judaica was deeply ingrained in Weisblum, who was raised in a traditionally Jewish home. Among his prized possessions is a sterling silver kiddush cup which belonged to his grandfather. The cup, he says, miraculously survived the Holocaust.

Weisblum travels regularly to Israel, Portugal, Italy and Mexico to seek out the finest in sterling silver Judaica. His criteria reflect his high standards. Each piece must be sterling (92.5% silver) and must be of a suitable weight and design that would appeal to the Canadian market.

Sterling silver Judaica from Israel is renowned for its modern design and light weight, he says. Weisblum confesses a penchant for silver ornaments from Portugal which can take up to one year to be delivered. "Portuguese craftsmanship is impeccable. Each piece reflects countless hours of handwork."

He stocks several items from Italy; however, the high labor costs make the importation of large amounts from Italy unfeasible.

"Sterling silver objects have always been traditionally very popular in Europe and Scandinavia," says Weisblum, who has a formidable collection of books on the subject.

"Many European dining rooms are adorned with silver candlesticks, wine goblets, salt and pepper shakers, and napkin holders. It has yet to take on the same importance in North America, but I see that it is beginning to flourish here as well," he adds.

Baroque to modern styles

Weisblum buys directly from the manufacturers and sells to the public. Items range from the Baroque to the modern and include such Judaica as kiddush cups, candlesticks, candelabras, etrog boxes, mezzuzot, havdalah sets, chanukiot, and seder plates.

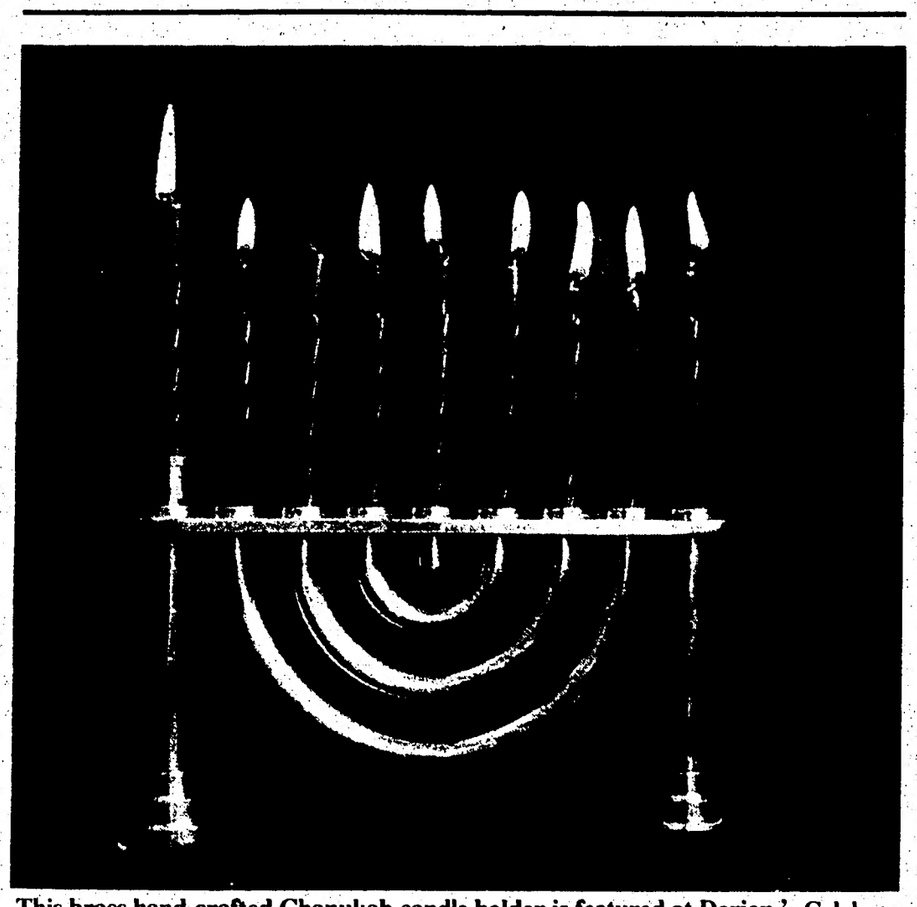
A sterling silver kiddush cup, for example, ranges from $57 to $270; a spice box, $100 to $450; a chanukiah, $270 to $550, and mezzuzot, $22 to $100, each.

For bar and bat mitzvahs and graduations, Weisblum recommends mezzuzot charms, pendants, "chais" and "Magen Davids." For the new baby there are baby spoons and kiddush cups for the bris. Engraving is done on request.

In addition, a full line of general silver, suggested for housewarming gifts, is available. These include salt and pepper shakers, serviette and toothpick holders, and sugar and cream sets. Many items are priced under $100.

Weisblum also sells Torah ornaments to synagogues including Torah crowns, breast plates, rimonim, Torah pointers and hand-washing cups.

Located in the heart of the wholesale diamond district in the city's downtown core, the showroom is open to the public Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday to Friday by appointment by calling 947-9726.



This brass hand-crafted Chanukah candle holder is featured at Dorion 's Celebration of Lights exhibit.

This English silver Torah crown is one of many items available from Israel Weisblum.

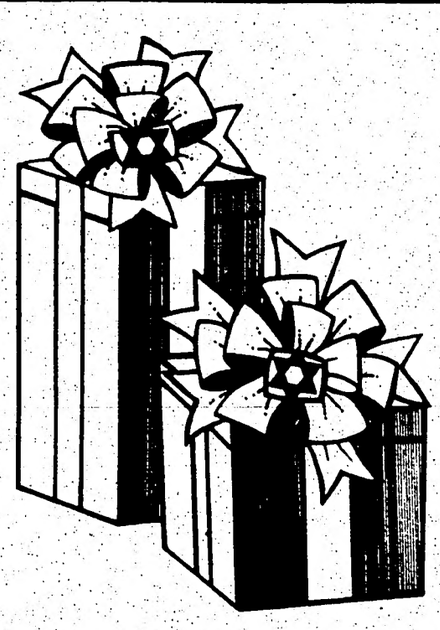
Handmade menorah exhibited at art shop

A Celebration of Lights 1987, Dorion Fine Judaica's 3rd annual exhibit of handmade menorahs, runs through Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the art shop, 875 Eglinton Ave. W.

It features works brought in or commissioned by Dorion Liebgott of 13 Canadian artists and 15 others from Israel, the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Materials range from the precious (silver) to the modern, with pottery, porcelain, wood, brass, aluminum, glass and Jerusalem stone completing the list. Styles range from the antique to the contemporary, simple-and-sophisticated to naive and/or folk art.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Friday to 3 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.



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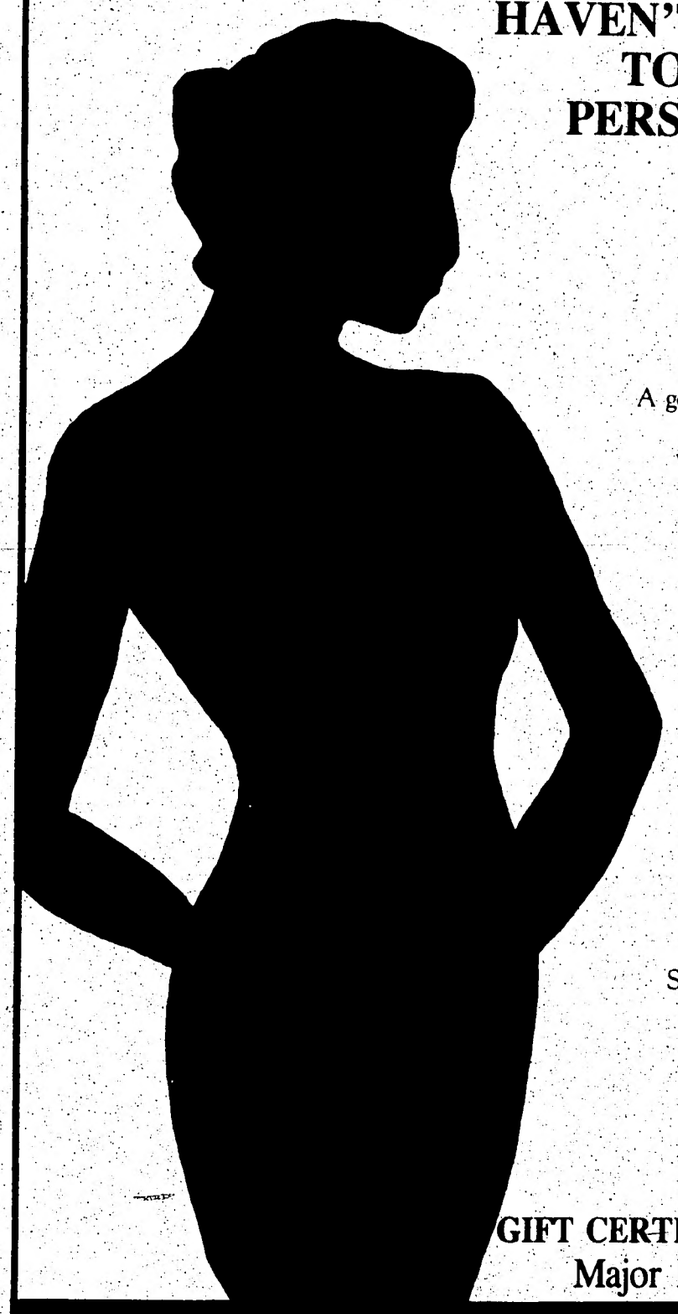

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Recipes to suit any occasion

A cookbook for every kitchen

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Cookbooks: yum-food guides that can grace any kitchen shelf.

Sephardic cuisine, encompassing dishes from Spain, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania, never fails to please this reviewer.

Lentil soup, eggplant salad, guvetch, simmered chick peas, fried okra — these are but just a handful of the culinary delights I have sampled over the years thanks to my Bulgarian-born wife and her mother.

From My Mother's Kitchen (Triad Publishing, $8.95) is a handy reference book, compiled by Viviane Alchech Miner, a Sephardi woman whose ancestors hail from the Balkans.

It is a fine book and if you try some of the recipes you will surely be pleased.

An ideal companion volume, *Mediterranean Vegetable Cookery (Collins, $24.95)*, presents recipes from 16 countries ranging from France and Italy to Morocco and Egypt.

Author Rena Salaman, who was raised in Asia Minor, shows you how to use veggies, pulses, olive oil and herbs to create light, delicious meals.

Jewish Holiday Cakes (Franklin Watts, no price listed) will help you prepare yourself for Chanukah. Hana Shaulov's book, which is amply illustrated, will satisfy any ambitious baker.

Use it in conjunction with Barbara Maher's *Classic Cakes and Cookies (Random House, $19.50)*, a mouth-watering potpourri of baking lore, and *Smart Muffins (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, no price listed)*, Jane Kinderlehrer's compendium for muffin munchers.

Passover is still months away, but consider *The Passover Gourmet (Franklin Watts, no price listed)*, a fine guide to Jewish dining.

Nira Rousso, who has taught French cooking in Jewish community centres, brings to light 150 easy-to-make recipes ranging from a 9-vegetable dumpling stew and matzoh-chicken to light borscht with apples and potato-yogurt cakes.

The book is beautifully illustrated with color photographs.

Take a good look at *The Canadian Living Cookbook (Random House, $29.95)*, which is splashy but practical.

Carol Ferguson, food editor of Canadian Living, has assembled more than 500 recipes in this sensibly organized, beautifully illustrated volume.

Drawing not only on her own expertise out that of seasoned contributors like Lucy Waverman, Bonnie Stern, Rose Murray and Kay Spicer, Ferguson has created a book that can be used on any occasion.

She believes that Canadian cooking has come of age. "We're taking our good local ingredients, combining them with old traditions and exciting new fashions, streamlined techniques and seasonings from the entire world," she writes. "Our food is lighter, leaner, fresher, faster."

After an introduction to Canada's regional specialties, Ferguson presents a survey on appetizers and then moves on to main dishes where the emphasis is on meat, poultry, fish, eggs and cheese, pasta, rice, grains and beans.

There are also separate chapters on vegetables, salads, pickles, jams and jellies, breads and desserts.

And what recipes!

How about a rich sour cream coffee cake topped with wild berries? Or braised lamb with kidney beans? Or a quick borscht? Or basic pancakes? Or a mozzarella, tomato and basil salad?

Best Recipes Under the Sun (Collins, $9.95), by Marion Kane, food editor of The Toronto Sun, is a useful book that any would-be chef should keep handy.

It is not in the same spectacular league as *The Canadian Living Cookbook*, but it is definitely worth buying.

Having patiently culled through the best recipes from her readers and a number of Toronto restaurants, she includes classic favorites like mouth-watering butter tarts and trendy dishes such as Moroccan couscous, Tandoori chicken and smoked trout dip.

The well over 200 recipes are brief and easy to follow.

Let's face it. Kids are difficult eaters. If you've ever raised one, you may even commiserate.

I'm Hungry! (Random House, $12.95) offers a common-sense approach to feeding a baby or a child. Eleanor Brownridge, the author, is a professional dietician nutritionist.

Apart from telling you how to meet their needs while balancing a busy family and personal schedule, she includes helpful advice on allergies, food intolerances and the needs of disabled children.

It is a book that every young mother should not be without.

Finally, take a good look at Margaret Atwood's *The CanLit Foodbook (Collins, $16.95)*, an eclectic fare of stories and recipes from one of Canada's best known novelists.

It's the thing to read if you're planning to attend some chic Toronto parties.

CJN writer authors book

TORONTO — *Chaimkel the Dreamer* is the funny and heartwarming children's story of the trials and tribulations of the Heller family as they move to Toronto from the village of Port Iceberg and try to make a living operating a small Jewish bookstore.

In particular, it is the story of young Chaimkel Heller, a boy blessed with boundless imagination, who is constantly trying to help his father, with some rather unusual results.

The author, CJN columnist Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman, has the reader enter Chaimkel's magical world.

He or she will discover a flying horse that can carry people high into the sky, nine ghostly men doomed to wait forever for a 10th man to make a *minyan*, a mountain of *shaymess* that threatens to engulf a good part of Toronto, a group of choosey *esrogim* carefully selecting their owners before *Sukkos* and many, many more.

Gottesman, who lives in Toronto with his wife Susan and their children, is descended from a long line of illustrious *Rabbonim* and *Chassidic Rebbes*. He is the rabbi of King David Congregation, and he also owns and operates Ma-Tov Jewish Book Store.

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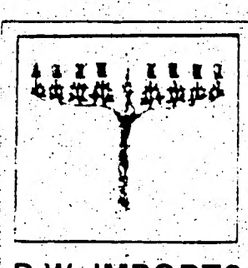
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Jeweller doesn't know the meaning of ordinary

By BARBARA KINGSTONE

ZURICH — It's early morning and the Storchengasse in Zurich is not yet filled with eager shoppers or business people rushing to work.

On the corner of this historic street near the Venice-like Limmat Canal is one of the world's most innovative jewellers since Faberge. Contemporary design usually means big stones with other brilliant gems surrounding the design. This, of course, is what many clients want. That's OK, but what's new?

Well, Paul Binder cannot be accused of being ordinary. This tall, gray-haired, blue-eyed, handsome man creates.

Out of the most unusual materials, Binder does to jewelry today what Faberge did in the days of the Czar. The only word to describe his work is unique.

The former silversmith turned goldsmith starts his day with a ride on his horse. Even in this activity, Binder finds inspiration for his designs.

Paul Binder

The first impression of this imposing man is that he is not your run-of-the-mill Swiss. Instead of being dressed in a de riguer business suit during work hours, he greets his customers in a wool pullover and cord pants. The modern and sparse shop is the perfect "canvas" to show off his incredible designs.

The ordinary has no meaning to Binder. When I first saw his window display, three years ago, I did a double take. There were walnuts (real walnuts) in his window. They were in fact diamond studded, sometimes opening to reveal pave diamond birds, mother of pearl and picture frames.

These walnuts have been sold to jewelry collectors and cognoscente who could buy any item but instead chose these specialized pieces.

Who is this man who sets cloisonne-type strips of black opals and sets them on matte-finished plexiglass? Binder doesn't stop there. Sitting casually displaying hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of his designs, which he pulls out of nearby drawers and cases, he said, "My styles represent what I believe in. Not just opulence but understated chic. Anyone with a lot of money could buy big gaudy pieces. But my work will remain classics."

He may be right, since his designs now are being "knocked off" in Hong Kong and Rio de Janeiro. Like most designers, he doesn't see this as a form of flattery but an irritant.

"My clients expect one-of-a-kind from me. They travel a lot and see some weak copy of their jewelry. It's awful, this forgery."

But it would be hard to copy effectively. Binder takes blue and aqua leather and sets a pave diamond heart and 18kt gold links and creates a neckpiece. Even the closure is an art form. For even rarer confections, he shows a neckpiece with a twisting coral rope circling a bluish-hite, 3-carat diamond set on matte plexiglass. It has a matching brooch.

How about the black ebony wood bracelets, one trimmed with the finest pave set diamonds on the edge and finished with a scoop of Burmese cabochon rubies? The closure is so subtle — it's hidden beneath the stones — that there's no hint of how to open or close this exquisite piece.

Risk taking is what turns him on. Binder has his favorite designers but "they fit on the head of a pin." Two mentioned are Cellini and Faberge. "The others just do the same tired styles."

Laker turns talents to silver

Canada's foremost jewelry designer is now turning her inventive talents to a traditional jeweler's metier.

Trudelle Laker's 20-piece collection of .925 hallmarked sterling silver earrings brings a new fashion stance to a traditional metal. The cast earrings that Laker has produced for her first collection transport silver from an ethnic view to the fashion-first attitude that has hallmarked Laker's previous collections of costume jewelry.

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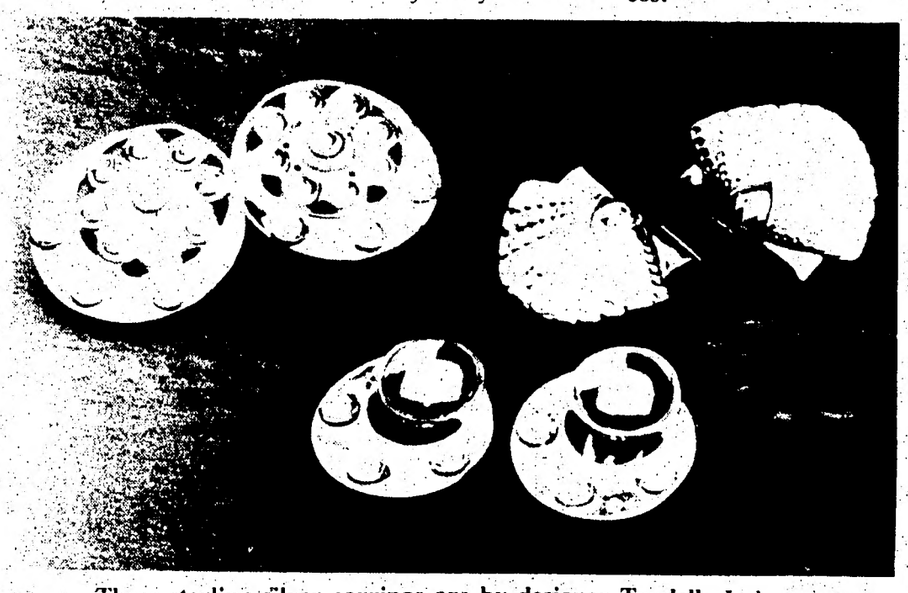

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Holiday Gifts

Shop boasts creme de la creme of chocolate

By ZAHAVA KLEINERT
TORONTO —

The chocolate world was set ablaze in 1968 when Rud Laederach, a young Swiss chocolatier, together with his wife, revolutionized the fine art of chocolate-making when they created the first truffle shell.

Keeping it in the family, four years ago Ingrid Laederach Steven began importing fine Swiss chocolates and edibles to North America.

Today, she and her husband import Laederach's truffles as well as other Swiss chocolates including Rosenberg of Switzerland chocolates, a kosher line of deluxe truffles and pralines. These products are under the certification of Rabbi Mordechai Piron of the Israelitishe Cultusgemeinde Zurich Rabbinat.

Standing in her Swiss-Master Chocolatier boutique, located in the York Mills Shopping Centre at 2536 Bayview Ave., she explains that the store is supplied at least twice a week by six of the finest Swiss chocolatiers.

"I take the best of the best — the creme de la creme from each company," says Ingrid.

The showcase is a dream-come-true for chocolate-lovers and a temptation for even those who don't have a sweet tooth. On one side of the counter there is a display of boules, nougat truffles — nougat immersed in Swiss chocolate with Swiss mountain cream, almond, carmel, and many other delightful fillings. This standard line costs $1.10.

On the other side of the showcase, there are the exotics. At $1.25 each, you can try the cognac or champagne deluxe truffles and a host of other truffles including raspberry, orange mint, mocha, hazelnut, as well as semi-sweet or milk chocolate.

And if that's not enough to break down your resistance, Steven imports a number of specialty chocolates in the shape of flower plants, gold ingots, and card-like chocolates that carry a special message such as happy birthday or thank you. And for the holidays, there are Chanukah menorahs — just to name a few.

Ingrid Steven's mother, Anne (Klein), fled to Switzerland from Germany by way of Italy in 1941. Ingrid's parents, the Laederachs, were in the hotel business and, as a young student, Ingrid came to Denver to study on an opera scholarship. During a visit to Toronto, she met and later married Tom Steven. They have two daughters, 10 and 13, who both attend the Claude Watson School for the Performing Arts.

Ingrid began importing cookies and other Swiss products and selling them to department stores. In 1985, she opened her shop with Marilyn Lastman, the wife of North York Mayor Mel Lastman. Due to her busy schedule, Lastman sold her share to Ingrid, who in turn sold half the business to Swiss-Foods Corp., an importing company, of which her husband is the president.

As customized chocolate became popular with North America's finest hotels, Swiss-Master became a major supplier to many of them including Sutton Place, the Westin Hotel, and the Skyline Hotel. As well, they are sold to restaurants and department stores across Canada and the United States.

What makes Swiss-Master special is the ambience that exudes pleasurable experiences. Their packaging is regal — it's almost like buying a fine piece of jewelry or a designer label.

"When our customers walk out of our shop," says Ingrid, "they feel like they just bought a taste of the very best that life has to offer. They feel like they are shopping in one of the best stores in Europe."

From a 1-person operation, Ingrid now has four sales people on staff and she proudly says that her business has more than doubled in the last year.

Consumers have long called chocolates the "food of the gods" and Swiss-Master's luscious, melt-in-your-mouth chocolates, presented in the Swiss-style splendor and elegance, explain why they got this title.

More novel ideas for Chanukah

By VIVIEN SHARON
THORNHILL, Ont. —

Chocolate Finesse, a landmark in the Montreal-Van Horne district, has arrived in Thornhill in time to satisfy Chanukah chocolate connoisseurs.

Located at 404 Steeles Ave. W., the franchise is strictly kosher and carries both the COR and MK labels. Opened three months ago by former Montrealer, Sandra Gordon, the store fulfils her dream of someday opening her own business.

Before moving to Toronto two years ago, she was a steady Chocolate Finesse customer in Montreal. "I would always be the last person knocking at their door Fridays before Shabbat. I loved the taste of their product, the quality of their service, and the fact that it was strictly kosher," says Gordon, mother of three teenagers, and a former teacher of adult education and English as a second language.

During her first months in Toronto she spent weeks driving around the city subconsciously looking for a suitable store location. She felt kosher gourmet chocolates were greatly needed in the northern sector but wasn't certain if the timing was right.

Now she has no reason to be doubtful. "The response from former Montrealers as well as Torontonians has been incredible," says Gordon, who attributes her success in part to the development boom north of Steeles.

"I enjoy the challenge of having my own business," she confides. "It's like having a baby or starting a new life. The hours are long yet it draws me like a magnet. I guess since it's my business I don't mind the extra effort."

When visiting Chocolate Finesse recently the nippy but pleasant aroma beckons one to forget last week's diet forever. The decor is warm, airy, and inviting with glass and open spaces set in a soft gray and white interior.

"It is important that a place where people shop for happy occasions be bright and cheerful," she says.

A slim and spritely brunette, she admits to having gained several excess pounds in the past few months. "I can't resist the dark chocolate," says Gordon, who says that 90% of her customers prefer the dark variety. "Chocolate lovers only eat dark chocolate, although I still stock a wide assortment of milk chocolate."

All the chocolates are made from fresh, natural ingredients brought in daily from the Montreal store. Most of the other items are imported from New York or Montreal, or purchased locally.

Chocolate covered ginger, orange peel, dates or cherries, for example, start at $3.09 per 100 grams. The creme-de-la-creme of the chocolate family, truffles, can be had in plain, mocha, cherry, coconut, amaretto, champagne or rum varieties at $4.09 for 100 grams.

Chocolate Finesse provides many novel gift ideas for Chanukah. For teachers she recommends miniature chocolate menorahs, holiday greeting blocks, or a decorated cannister filled with chocolate dreidls, Chanukah gelt, candles, truffles, or nuts from $2.50 to $10.

For kids there are stuffed holiday loot bags, a pencil case crammed with chocolate lentils (kosher smarties), chocolate lollipops, or a mini school bus stuffed with one's favorite filling — all for a $5 to $10.

Decorated wicker baskets, chocolate-filled champagne bottles or stuffed chocolate baskets make a lovely housewarming, simcha or holiday gift.

"All our gift arrangements are stuffed to the brim with goodies. No empty spaces are left," says Gordon, who also designs party centrepieces and Christmas arrangements for her non-Jewish clientele.

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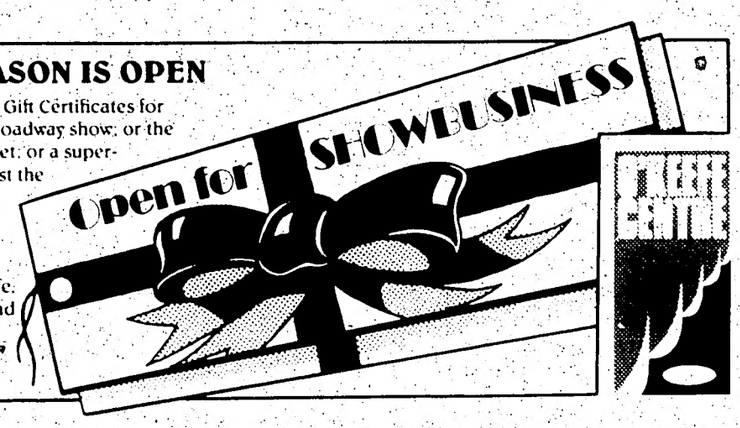

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Look to your needs in choosing RRIF or annuity

The Readers Ask:

BY MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER

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Guaranteed Term 10 years	71		515.02
	Age 60		463.79
JOINT LIFE ANNUITY	65		477.69
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	Age 60		461.18
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Question: I purchased an annuity with RRSP funds in 1984. The rates at that time were better than they are now. I have another $50,000 that I must use this year. Many newspaper articles seem to indicate that the new RRIF is the only option to consider. Yet, I like my annuity and the income it brings me.

Can you please tell me which is better — an annuity or an RRIF?

Answer: The fact is that neither the RRIF nor the annuity is better. The product line is not the determining factor. What is most important are your needs as an individual. Some people will do better with an RRIF; others will do better with an annuity; and others will do best with some of each.

Here are a few examples of situations that determine which is best according to the needs of the individual.

• Case 1: A person has $150,000 in an RRSP. He has had a self-administered RRSP for many years which he has invested in stocks. Now that he is age 71, he wants to continue to do so. He also has an adequate pension plan from work as well as investment income property. What should he convert to?

The self-administered RRIF, of course. He is experienced in investments and he wants to continue in this way. In addition, he has other secure sources of income so that, if there is another turn in the stock market, he may lose some additional money but it won't affect his way of life.

This will be ideal for him for the foreseeable future. However, as he gets older, his ability, or his desire, to supervise his investments may not continue. At that time he could transfer his funds from the self-administered RRIF to another RRIF that will be at a guaranteed interest rate until he is 90. Or he could purchase a life annuity that will pay him for life, even after age 90.

• Case 2: A person has $100,000 in an RRSP. He has never invested in the stock market. He has retired from a company that did not have a pension plan. His only other savings are some bonds plus the value of his house. He is expecting to spend four months each year in Florida. What should he convert to?

Since he has no pension plan, he will need to maximize his income. He also has very little else in income, other than his CPP and OAS. Therefore, he cannot chance a loss. Besides, he has never had investment experience and now, at age 70, it is a little late in life for him to start taking chances. A loss might dramatically affect his way of life. An annuity would be best for him.

For this man, doing it himself or listening to advice from those who are not trained in financial planning is not the way to arrange his financial affairs. Remember, the money must provide income for the rest of his life.

• Case 3: A man has $100,000 in an RRSP. He had a heart attack two years ago. He has some income from other sources, but not a lot. His wife is four years younger than he. Her father lived to age 89 and her mother is now in her nineties. The wife also has $60,000 in her RRSP. What should he convert to?

In this case, the husband should purchase a Joint and Last Survivor annuity. If there are children, they should have a 10- or 15-year minimum guaranteed period. The fact that he had a heart attack will help us get him a larger monthly income. They should also consider indexing the annuity. This will guarantee that income will be paid, with annual increases, for as long as either one shall live.

As we can see from the information above, the wife, if she duplicates her parents' longevity, has a long life expectancy. An RRIF must end at age 90. Therefore, it might be risky because it may not give her adequate long-term protection.

When the wife reaches age 71, she should consider an RRIF as well as an annuity. Their financial situation at that time will dictate her choice. The RRIF, in her case, might be the best consideration if she wants to manage the money or withdraw additional amounts.

The important point in all three cases is that the individual needs differ. The needs, not the products, give us the clues to the proper choice. Before you make up your mind you should first get good professional advice. Spend an hour with a financial planner. Don't stand in line for 20 minutes just to get seven or eight minutes of semi-public, semi-professional input.

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Streisand proves she's a remarkable actress in Nuts

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

If further proof were needed that Barbra Streisand is more than just a supremely gifted singer, *Nuts* provides the evidence for all to see.

In *Nuts*, now at Famous Players theatres, Streisand proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that she is a remarkable actress as well.

Directed by Martin Ritt, *Nuts* is the latest film in which she distinguishes herself. Streisand, in the past, has starred in *Yentl*, *The Way We Were*, *Funny Girl* and *A Star Is Born*.

In *Nuts*, which she has also produced, Streisand is so good that Richard Dreyfuss, her co-star, pales by comparison. Such is Streisand's powerful persona on the screen that no one, not even the redoubtable Dreyfuss, can stand up to her.

Claudia Draper (Barbra Streisand) is a strong-willed woman who launches a fierce battle to prove her mental competence with the help of court-appointed attorney, Aaron Levinsky (Richard Dreyfuss) in Nuts.

The part she plays, that of a troubled, volatile prostitute trying to prove her mental competence at a pre-trial hearing, enables Streisand to display a wide range of emotions.

As Claudia Faith Draper, a high-priced New York City callgirl who has been charged with first degree manslaughter, she is at once self-destructive and canny, violent and tender, courageous and afraid. A paradoxical woman who may be her own worst enemy.

Draper, having killed one of her clients in self-defence, has been judged mentally incompetent by two psychologists, including the kindly Dr. Morrison (Eli Wallach). In all honesty, he believes that she should be placed in an institution. Her traumatized parents, Rose (Maureen Stapleton) and Arthur (Karl Malden), feel that would be best for her.

But Aaron Levinsky (Dreyfuss), her reluctantly appointed public defender, is not so sure. He has no preconceived notions, and challenges the findings of the psychologists, her violent, non-cooperative manner notwithstanding.

In his usual fashion, Dreyfuss (*Stakeout*, *Tin Men*, *Down And Out In Beverly Hills*, *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*) puts on a first-rate performance. Stapleton, Malden, Wallach and the rest are fine as well.

But *Nuts* is essentially Streisand's movie. Whether she is running amok or cooing tenderly, she is a marvel to watch, an actress at the peak of her career.

Early on, she pulls ahead of the pack and runs away with the race.

A gold medal for Barbra.

Film gives empathetic view of gays

TORONTO —

E.M. Forster's novel about homosexuality, *Maurice*, was published after his death. The manuscript, having been written in the early part of this century, gathered dust for decades because Forster, a closet homosexual, wanted to keep his secret under wraps as long as he was alive.

The attitude he displayed toward *Maurice*, which is autobiographical, was understandable. When he was a young man, homosexuality was a criminal offence in Britain, not to mention an unforgiveable social faux de pas.

Attitudes have since mellowed, the AIDS epidemic nothwithstanding, and homosexuality today is not as scorned as it was in Forster's time.

The film adaptation of his novel, entitled *Maurice*, provides a viewer with an empathetic view of the torment homosexuals had to endure in an Edwardian society.

Directed and produced by that talented duo, James Ivory and Ismail Merchant, *Maurice* was premiered at the Festival of Festivals. It is now playing at Famous Players theatres.

The film, which is set between 1910 and 1914, revolves around two friends who eventually embark on different paths — Maurice Hall (James Wilby) and Clive Durham (Hugh Grant).

Maurice and Clive, the pampered products of Britain's elite, meet at Cambridge University and gradually fall in love with each other. Everyone knows of their great friendship, but no one is aware of its sexual aspects.

In a series of succinct sequences, the film makes it crystal clear that homosexuality is not only frowned upon, but criminally culpable.

Clive, who eyes a career in politics and a proper position in society, draws the appropriate conclusions and decides to suppress his gay tendencies. He advises Maurice to emulate him. But Maurice, who is to become a stockbroker, cannot break the pattern of his homosexuality.

In desperation, he consults a doctor and a psychiatrist. The physician examines his private parts and concludes that there is nothing "wrong" with him. The psychiatrist, warning him that the British are "disinclined to accept human nature," advises him to leave Britain and settle in a country, such as France or Italy, where homosexuality is no longer a criminal offence.

Unable or unwilling to accept his well-meaning advice, Maurice drifts further into homosexuality. Ultimately, he meets a socially inferior gamekeeper and, as a result of his experiences with him, makes a decision that will forever change his life.

Maurice, **coming on the heels of *Room With a View*, is a sensitive and intelligent film, stamped with the solid competence of the Ivory-Merchant partnership, now into its 25th year.**

Visually impressive, with fine understated performances from the entire British cast, it is full of great revealing little moments that linger on in the memory.

However, *Maurice* is too long and occasionally lumbering. Judicious cuts would have been in order.

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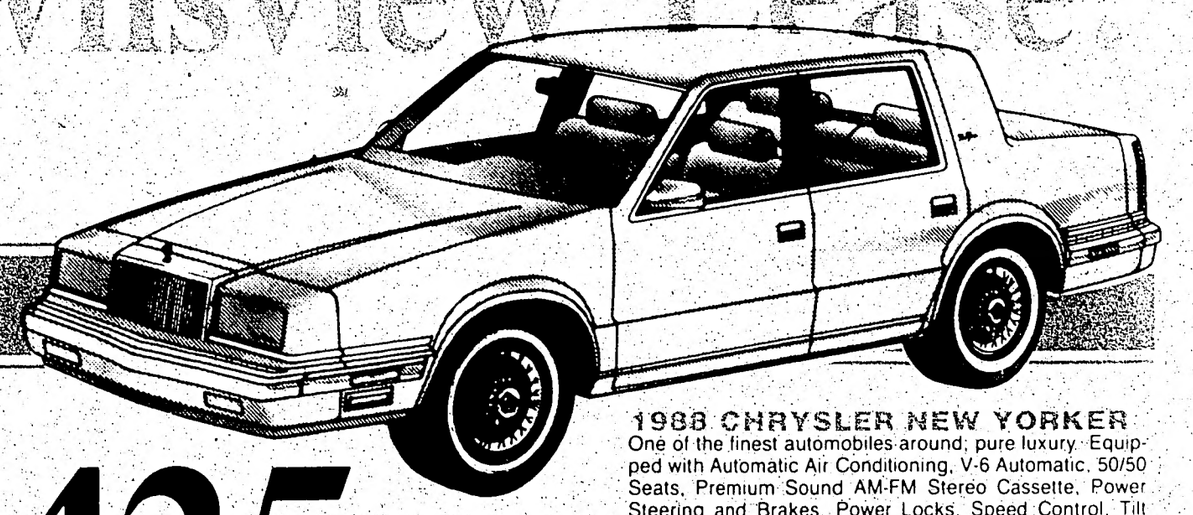

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Two women's plays will make you laugh and weep

By
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TORONTO —

A women's play can be defined as a play that appeals to both sexes, even though the characters who speak on stage are all female.

Two such productions are now playing around town. Despite some rough patches in each, I'd recommend them both as compelling, offbeat entertainment for the holiday season.

They have three things in common.

They're each written by a novice male playwright, sensitive to the way women talk.

Their women talk a lot about men and money and marriage and kids.

And they're each tragicomic — a blend of humor and pathos, ending with a woman's death. In other words, they make you laugh and weep.

Yet, for all their similarities, their locales are strikingly different. The six women in one play talk with a southern accent in a beauty parlor located in a small town in Louisiana. The seven women in the other are Ojibway Indians in a reserve on Manitoulin Island in Georgian Bay.

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Steel Magnolias, **running until Jan. 24 at Stage West Dinner Theatre (5400 Dixie Rd., 263-0684), is the more slickly commercial of the two plays.**

An off-Broadway hit since last March, it's the first play attempted by a former Louisiana actor, Robert Harling. He acknowledges it's etched from real life. He based it on his mother, his sister now dead, and women he observed in his home town of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

The first two acts focus on the six gossipy women who gather every Saturday morning in Truvy's Beauty Salon for hair-dos and sometimes catty hair-pulls.

The wisecracks exchanged by these southern belles are a mixed bag, some funny and some strained. The wittiest repartee is delivered by Toronto comedienne Barbara Hamilton; like her Aunt Marilla role in *Anne Of Green Gables*, she portrays a crusty spinster with a marshmallow heart.

A sampler of the caustic sarcasm:

"He's a perfect gentleman. I bet he takes the dishes out of the sink before he urinates in it."

"An ounce of pretension is worth a pound of manure."

"She's so dumb she thinks Sherlock Holmes is a sub-division."

The gags of the "Cosmo girls," as they call themselves, are perilously close to the one-liners you might find in a TV comedy series. Similarly, the sudden tragic situation imposed in the third act may well remind you of a soap opera.

The switch in mood arises from the newlywed, diabetic daughter of an overbearing mother, who reveals she has become pregnant, despite orders otherwise from the family doctor. When her condition worsens, her mother's character changes; she donates a kidney to her daughter. And when the daughter dies, the remaining Cosmo girls indulge in an old-fashioned, emotional binge.

Happily, it's several cuts above a sudsy puddle of tears, thanks to the splendid, controlled acting by the mother played by Anita Gillette, a co-star in Neil Simon's Broadway plays, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Chapter Two*.

Muriel Miguel (top) and Gloria Miguel are Indian actresses who co-star triumphantly in The Rez Sisters at the Factory Theatre.

It's also good to see Barbara Hamilton back in action again. One of Canada's most skilled farceurs, she never fails to deliver a barrel of belly laughs.

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The Rez Sisters, **running until Dec. 20 at the Factory Theatre (125 Bathurst St. at Adelaide, 864-9971) is in some respects a cruder play. But its humor is gloriously bawdy; its characters are earthy, and the entire production has the smell and feel of truth.**

I wouldn't be surprised if it becomes a classic piece of stage Canadiana.

What makes it a genuine work of art is the feel for Indian mythology and contemporary culture by its playwright, 28-year-old Thomson Highway. Born in a Cree Indian reserve in north Manitoba, a student of English literature and music at University of Western Ontario in London, he is currently artistic director of Toronto's Native Earth Performing Arts theatre company.

His troupe's production of *The Rez Sisters* ("rez" being Indian slang for "reserve") justly won a Dora Award last year as the season's best new play. Highway disdains the usual cliches that Indian women are either noble or sad.

The seven Ojibways he has portrayed from the Manitoulin Island reserve are robust, full-bodied women with human frailties.

"I get so tired of this reserve," one of them moans. "There are no jobs here. Nothing to do but screw around with each other's husbands and wives."

Highway doesn't ignore the sordid reality of their lives, but he also reveals the fun and fantasy and underlying joy in their way of life.

The plot that ties them together is their dream of going to Toronto, that illusory Utopia, to play in the "biggest bingo game in the world."

We see them in a van making the overnight trip to the big city, and we get an insight into their aspirations, as they talk of what they'll do if they win the monster jackpot of $500,000.

Most of the cast members are bonafide Indians, and the characters they depict are vividly realized.

Muriel Miguel, who plays the sensuous Philomena Moosetail, dreams of being rich enough to own a porcelain toilet like the white people, "big and wide and white."

She also dreams of having a love affair with a Jewish white man, so she can become "a Jewish princess."

"Why not become an Indian princess?" asks her real-life Indian sister, Gloria Miguel, who plays the pragmatic Pelajia Patchnose.

"Because everybody knows Jewish white men treat their woman nicer," sighs the romantic Moosetail.

Margaret Cozry, an Ojibway woman from the Parry Island Reserve, who plays the vain cook Veronique St. Pierre, dreams of buying the "biggest stove in the world" and becoming a famous author of Indian recipe cookbooks.

A hypertense country-and-western-music fan, played by Anne Anglin, dreams of "getting laid" by a spangly dude musician at the Silver Dollar Tavern and aspiring to play "the world's biggest collection of Patsy Cline records on the world's biggest record player."

The most poignant of the dreamers is a character named Marie-Adele Starblanket, the mother of 14 children, who hopes to find a cure for the cancer that is eating away at her innards. She is depicted sensitively by Monique Mojica, the Jewish-Indian actress, who was so magnificent last year in the title role of a Metis half-caste in Theatre Passe Muraille's award-winning production of *Jessica*.

Starblanket never does find her cure. Instead, she dies and dreams of being "carried away on the wings" of Nanabush, the trickster raven of the spirit world (played beautifully by dancer-choreographer Rene Highway).

Neither do any of the other dreamers win the big bingo prize, but it doesn't really matter. Bingo is used here as a metaphor, and the prize is the universal hope of attaining an escapist bonanza in life.

So far as I'm concerned, The Rez Sisters, as a work of art, has triumphed in winning its jackpot.

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Hannah Senesh 1-woman play

Wilner triumphs in tough role

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Unquestionably, the most difficult kind of play to stage in the theatre is a successful 1-woman show that tells a story and grips your attention for at least one hour.

Consequently, Reva Stern, artistic director of the Leah Posluns Theatre, deserves our thanks for bringing to Toronto the most powerful version of this genre I've ever seen.

During its off-Broadway run in 1985, one New York critic justifiably called *Hannah Senesh* "an exquisite gem of a play." On its opening night here last week, it glowed so radiantly with idealism and passion that it moved many in the audience, myself included, to unashamed tears.

I'd call it an inspiring, true-life Holocaust drama that ranks with *Diary of Anne Frank*. And I urge you to see it during its engagement until Dec. 26 at the Posluns (4588 Bathurst St., 630-6752).

It's the 75-minute biography — with no intermission — of a modern Israeli heroine named Hannah Senesh. A gifted poet and avid Zionist, who herself was the daughter of a noted Hungarian playwright, Bela Senesh, she left Budapest on the eve of World War II to become a kibbutz pioneer in Palestine.

She eventually parachuted into Yugoslavia on a so-called suicide rescue mission designed to aid downed British flyers. But when she crossed into Hungary to help escaping Jewish refugees, she was seized by the Nazis, convicted of treason and, defiantly rejecting a blindfold, was executed by a firing squad. She was just 23 when she died in martyrdom.

Based on her diaries and poems, her story has been dramatized and directed by David Schechter, a New Yorker acclaimed for his similar stage adaptation of Isaac Bashevis Singer's *Gimpel The Fool*. And it has been brought to life luminously by actress, dancer and singer Lori Wilner, who also toured in Schechter's dramatization of Singer's novel.

Wilner, a 28-year-old American with strong expressive features and flowing coal-black hair, is a remarkably talented mime and quick-change artist.

We first see her on the starkly Spartan stage, whose only props are one chair plus one small table covered with a white-and-blue tablecloth. She initially depicts Hannah's mother, Catherine, an ornately dressed, severely aristocratic woman of 55, who is reading from her late daughter's diaries in a heavy Hungarian accent.

She leaves the stage briefly and reappears miraculously transformed into 15-year-old Hannah. Her hair is in braids, her clothes youthful, her manner perky.

She is chewing on a carrot, singing songs she has written to haunting melodies of an offstage flute, wondering whether she is pretty or ugly in the eyes of schoolboys, and writing in her diary about her girlish crush on Leslie Howard in the movie, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.

During the course of the evening, matching instalments entered in her diary, we see her growing up in a series of dramatically stirring vignettes.

Throughout, she uses the tablecloth ingeniously as a makeshift prop. It becomes a cape when she is dancing an exuberant *hora* in Palestine. A folded corner of it is a fake moustache when she does a mock imitation of Hitler. It serves as a parachute when she is floating down to the mountainous terrain of Yugoslavia.

The play is lightened with unexpected flashes of humor. She confides to her diary that for two months her contingent of Israeli paratroopers fought side by side with their allies, the Yugoslav partisans.

"They don't know we're Jews," she says, adding in a satirical, Englishfied accent, "They think we're all British soldiers come to free their own.

"I despise this masquerade," she goes on. "I crave to tell them the strange language we speak among ourselves is not Welsh, but Hebrew."

The suspense mounts, as carrying her rifle, this first female paratrooper in World War II attempts to enter Hungary's closed border. It reaches a climax after the rat-tat-tat of a machine-gun barrage, when a Nazi voice demands in German, "Are you a Britisher?"

There is a long pause. "*Nein! Nein!*" she finally replies with resolute bravado. "*Ich bin Judish.*"

The play is never static, thanks in part to Larry Lubin's effective lighting, as he suggests her imprisonment in a cell with a barred patch of light on the floor of the darkened stage.

And the atmosphere is constantly enlivened by Hannah's eloquent poetry set to music by Steven Lutvak and Elizabeth Swados.

Her phrases shine with optimism, as when she declares her credo: "God give me the strength to scourge, to uplift, to caress . . . All the darkness can't extinguish a single candle . . . There are some people whose brilliance will always light the world, even though they are no longer living."

The words are a fitting legacy for a Zionist freedom fighter, whose courage continues to illuminate the path of the Jewish people in this incandescent drama.

Lori Wilner uses a tablecloth as a dance cape in her brilliant 1-woman show about an Israeli heroine, Hannah Senesh, at Leah Posluns Theatre.

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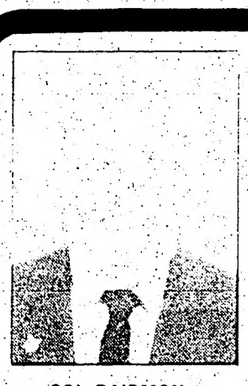

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Arts

Case studies show how couples react

Authors take frank look at problems of intermarriage

Mixed Blessings: Marriage Between Jews and Christians. By Paul Cowan with Rachel Cowan. Doubleday, $24.95.

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Twenty-five years ago about 8% of North American Jews married non-Jews. Today the figure is closer to 35%.

Recent findings have shattered many long-cherished illusions. It isn't true that the typical intermarriage is an act of rebellion against family or religion. No, it is usually the result of living in an open society — unimpeded freedom leads naturally to friends and mates from other religions. It isn't true that intermarried couples shun or disavow Judaism. No, many such couples exhibit the same amount of loyalty and affirmative regard to Jewish religious and cultural values as do other Jews.

It isn't true that Jews who intermarry always come from secular or non-religious homes. No, although statistics confirm that a majority of those who intermarry come from homes with a minimum of religious observance and limited involvement in Jewish communal life, a surprising proportion come from traditional or observant backgrounds.

A recent study by the sociologist Egon Mayer discloses that more children in intermarried families are raised in the Jewish tradition than in any other — although the degree of loyalty and the intensity of involvement varies considerably. Yet, in three out of four marriages between a person who is born Jewish and the person who is not, the non-Jew does not convert.

Mixed Blessings is a frank and insightful overview of the problems that confront Jews and Christians when they fall in love and consider marriage, or those already married. The authors are especially qualified to discuss the complex and difficult feelings involved, because they were an inter-faith couple until Rachel converted to Judaism not long ago, after 15 years of marriage.

Drawing on their own personal experience, and on hundreds of in-depth interviews as workshop leaders for inter-faith sessions in many American communities, they cogently point out the areas of greatest sensitivity and danger for both partners. These hidden "time-bombs" usually explode at the Christmas or Passover seasons or when a child is born. Is he to be circumcised or baptized — or both?

They disclose that usually "even the most disaffected Jews want to raise their children as Jews. Even though they themselves are intermarrying, they often are afraid that their children will be assimilated into Christian culture. They fear that if they don't insist on maintaining Judaism in their homes they will betray more than four thousand years of proud history and deprive their children of a valued legacy."

The authors emphasize that Judaism involves both religion and ethnicity. Many Jews regard themselves as loyal and good members of their people even with no observance or religious commitment. For Christians, at least in theological terms, there is no such thing as Christian ethnicity. One is a Christian through baptism and desire to abide by the meaning of the baptismal covenant.

The most helpful section of the book deals with actual case studies of a variety of couples and their reactions to problems of inter-faith and assimilation."

The authors make these suggestions. "Think about your child's Jewish status." "Think carefully about the neighborhood you live in and the school you choose for your children." "Be aware of the attitudes of significant relatives." "Keep religious and ethnic slights out of arguments." "Be cautious how you teach about the Holocaust." "Do not suppress a parent's past."

It is startling to learn that more than 10,000 people a year are choosing to convert to Judaism and that there are about 200,000 converts in North America. Some sociologists predict that in 40 years that number could reach as high as half a million.

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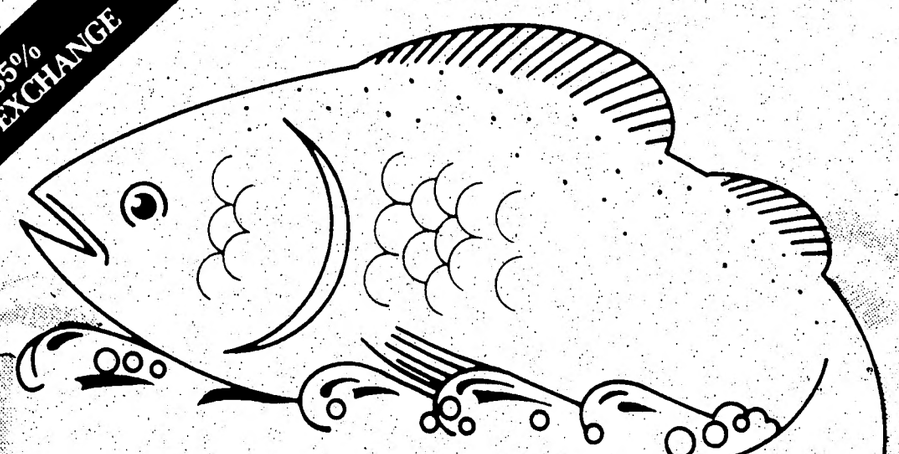

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Travel

Pandas "going south" to winter at Busch Gardens

TAMPA, Fla. — Two giant pandas currently on loan to the Bronx Zoo in New York from the People's Republic of China will be "going south" for the winter to make a new temporary home at Busch Gardens, The Dark Continent.

The pandas, Ling Ling and Yong Yong, are at the African-themed entertainment park and zoo. —

"We are extremely pleased and honored that the Beijing Zoo has chosen our zoo as a temporary home for the pandas," said Joseph Fincher, general manager of Busch Gardens.

"While the giant panda is certainly one of the world's most beautiful and most loved animals, it is also among the rarest. We hope that the pandas' visit to Busch Gardens will help call attention to the pandas' dire plight in the wild and to the plight of all endangered species."

Ling Ling and Yong Yong are expected to take up residence for at least three months in a new facility that is being constructed especially for them. The structure will feature a Chinese design with indoor and outdoor quarters for the pandas and an information exhibit.

Ling Ling, the male giant panda, was born in the Beijing Zoological Gardens Sept. 5, 1985. He weighs 119 pounds. The female panda, Yong Yong, was rescued as an abandoned infant in the wilds of Sichuan Province. She is estimated to be 5½ years old and weighs 187 pounds.

Because pandas have become a rare and endangered species, they are no longer exported as state gifts. To help underwrite an expensive conservation operation established by the Chinese government, a giant panda loan program was organized.

Under this program, giant pandas that are unsuitable for breeding, due to either age or incompatibility with other animals, are circulated to other zoos around the world so the public can take turns viewing them, thus avoiding depleting their numbers in nature.

The giant pandas' new home, Busch Gardens, ranks among the top zoos in the world with zoological displays in all seven of its distinctly themed sections.

Busch Gardens, located on Busch Boulevard, two miles east of I-275 and two miles west of I-75, is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., except during summer and on selected holidays when hours are extended.

The single admission price of $18.95 (U.S.) includes all rides, shows and attractions.

Words to guide you in your journeys

By **SHELDON KIRSHNER**

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"All the comforts of a well-run, cozy inn"

Barge-ing around Holland perfect way to go

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY

AMSTERDAM — A 2-week holiday in Holland can seem like three separate ones with three different modes of transportation: barge, bus, and bicycle.

The barge is best. Six nights on the Rembrandt, which traverses inland waterways from Amsterdam to Bruges, speed by. This luxury barge is the perfect way to navigate idyllic winding canals. It provides all the comforts of a well-run, cozy inn for 20 persons, and is great to return to after exploring places on land.

Captain loves passengers

The crew of five could more rightly be dubbed the "cast" because of their dramatic personalities. The captain, Maarten Groen, who owns the barge, acts as if he could never get enough of it or his passengers. "Why not? I always have people on board who are happy because they are on holiday. It is fun to know them."

During dinner, and sometimes long afterwards, he regales eager audiences with diverting stories. His beautiful wife, Marion, guides a couple of mini-bus tours to such diverse destinations as Scheveningen and Schoonhoven.

The real star of the Rembrandt is the chef, Harm Severien, who is a "walking menu card." When he rings a bell before each meal, everyone settles down for live entertainment.

A few of his imaginative descriptions of the bill of fare suggest he missed a literary calling. "Well, ladies and gentlemen! Tonight we have for you first the melon with the liver. In the summertime when the winds are blowing and the flowers are glowing is when we get the meat.

"I have also for you something Scotch. You know Lassie? This Collie dog was barking and barking and he was so hungry and he was so hoping. He found some strange vegetable that he brought to his master, a cook. He cooked them with cheese and the dish was so good he named it 'cauliflower au gratin' after the dog."

Harm thinks this is a great story and jumps up and down with pleasure as everyone groans at his corniness.

"So! Ladies and Gentlemen!" he continues, "I wanted to make something wonderful for you. The salad is the Mona Lisa. It is smiling for you."

Canal-watchers get to see a lot: coal barges named Anko, Orion and Sybelle, sailboats with black sails, houseboats with lace curtains, and alongside, kelly green fields filled with sheep and cows.

Church steeples and distant windmills look like old Flemish masterpieces. There are wonderful reflections in the water of lilacs, pink cherry trees, forsythia, young birches and beeches . . . all line the canals like guardians.

Flatness is refreshing

Gentle curves reveal hothouses, a soccer game in progress, joggers on adjoining foot paths, and windmills close and far in patterns of three and four.

Small shops sell tobacco, Amstel beer, and books, and clusters of bicyclists wait at drawbridges. Fishermen with wooden shoes sit on rough docks, poles in hand.

There are all sorts of things in windows overlooking the canals: a nude blonde, a flock of white paper birds, an old man with a pipe, rows of tulips on window ledges. Everything seems so toy-like and perfect.

Holland's flatness is refreshing to the eye. On minibus tours Marion points out that the willow trees besides the water are used for making wooden shoes. She takes passengers to the Schoonhoven Manor-House, an ancient church that was converted into a silver shop/museum. She takes us to Kinderdijk where there are 19 real windmills in one place.

Two of the loveliest stops are made in Delft and Gouda, ancient cities that have singular cathedrals, tiny winding canals, shops filled with blue and white mementoes, and splendid museums and squares. One feels inclined to drift on the barge forever with the promise of such places ahead!

Ena's Bike Tour excursions are an A-1 way to simulate Dutch mobility. There are 11 million bikes and 6,200 miles of bicycle lanes in Holland! The country is so flat that bicycling there is effortless.

A standard tour leaves Amsterdam's Central Station and keeps to paths bordering canals. There are visits to a cheese farm with proffered free samples, and to a working windmill where close inspection is possible.

Riding in the fresh air is an absolute delight. Instead of rushing past things, every tree and tulip can be examined at one's own speed.

Some good, short excursion bus tours can happily occupy two or three days. The buses are mostly window and the guides speak English perfectly.

The nicest trips are to Volendam and Marken because of the costumed people and quaint houses, and to the Keukenhof Gardens, where ample time is allowed for exploring. One also gets the opportunity to buy tulip bulbs that are bigger than your neighbor's.

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Travel

Luxurious lifestyle was built on slavery

Tour of plantation is an education

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica —

Plantation tours recall a dark era in Jamaican history, but they're basically educational and fun.

Before the abolition of the slave trade in 1807 and the emancipation of slaves 31 years later, practically the entire economy of this lush island in the sun was built on slavery.

Today, tourists can get a tantalizing glimpse of that period by visiting two such farms — Rose Hall, now a museum property, and Prospect Plantation, an actual working farm.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, when Jamaica was a valued British colony, there were some 400 sugar plantations here, and Rose Hall and Prospect were two of them.

After the demise of slavery, sugar production declined. But sugar, nowadays, is still vitally important to Jamaica's balance of payments.

Just a little east of Montego Bay, Rose Hall is one of those "great houses", or grand mansions, that forever will be associated with the slave trade in the West Indies.

Reflective of a luxurious style of life that vanished with this peculiar institution, Rose Hall — the seat of a British white settler's plantation — took some two decades to build. Completed in 1770, it fell into disrepair after the murder in 1831 of its last mistress, Annie Palmer, the so-called "white witch" of Rose Hall.

Palmer, to put it mildly, was quite a character, a superstitious, lusty and violent-prone lady who lived by the sword and died by it.

The spirit of Annie Palmer suffuses Rose Hall to such an extent that the guide who leads our group around the restored homestead spends the bulk of her time elaborating on the legend surrounding her life.

To be truthful, I was not so enthralled by her story. Instead, I was far more interested in the house itself, with its long, wide balconies, ornamented arches, carved mahogany staircase and antique furniture consisting of such items as Queen Anne easychairs, pewter bedpans, commode chairs, Chinese silk screens, inlaid desks and 4-poster beds.

Rose Hall, now in the hands of the Jamaican government, evokes the 18th century marvellously well. And the manicured grounds on which it sits, with its profusion of exotic trees and shrubs, are undeniably pretty.

The view of the Caribbean Sea, from the stone steps of Rose Hall, is particularly appealing.

Prospect Plantation, just a few miles from Ocho Rios, lies on a series of dark green hills bristling with Norkfolk pines, mango trees, Jamaican cedars, banyans, royal palms and bourgainvillea.

Magnificent gorge

The farm, which is owned by the Mitchell family, produces an immense variety of cash crops — limes, pimento (all-spice), sugar, bananas, pineapples, coconuts.

The tour of the premises is on a tractor-drawn touring trailer with hard seats and a roof to shield visitors from the sometimes fierce sun.

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We pass a sugar cane field, being told how the cane is harvested and processed. After stopping briefly at a place looking down on the magnificent White River gorge, we're taken to another scenic spot where we can see the sweep of the bay beneath us, as well as a lovely white plantation house on a higher elevation.

After being served cool drinks, our group is shown a banana/plantain grove, and is treated to the acrobatics of a slim, athletic man who clambers up a coconut tree and, upon his return, breaks up a fresh coconut with his machete. We drink the coconut milk and sample the delicious pulp.

Throughout the estate are so-called commemorative trees planted by a succession of visiting dignitaries. Two of them were the former Canadian Prime Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, and ex-U.S. secretary of state, Henry Kissinger.

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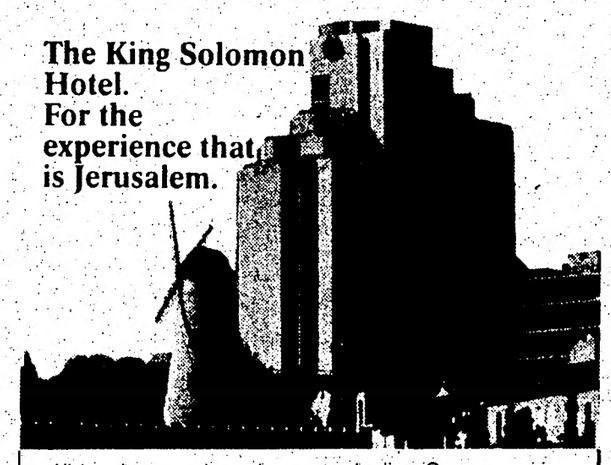

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The whooping cranes, almost extinct some 50 years ago, have increased slowly year by year, and now there will be more than 100 this winter at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, some 75 miles (121 kilometres) from Corpus Christi.

Last year over 80,000 visitors drove there from this city while about 12,000 came by sightseeing boats. This winter, boats leave from Rockport on morning and afternoon trips to the refuge, carrying up to 50 passengers on each boat. (For more information, contact the Corpus Christi Area Tourist Bureau, 1201 N. Shoreline, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403.) Come armed with plenty of film in your camera and good binoculars, the bird-watcher's eyepiece.

This part of the Texas Gulf Coast is also famous worldwide as a breeding ground of the colorful roseate spoonbill. Brown pelicans can be seen diving for fish or sitting on wharf posts. There are many other birds to be seen here, including peregrine falcons. Atwater prairie chickens and even bald eagles.

Corpus Christi has much more than the nearby bird sanctuary to entice "winter Texans" to its area. Palm-tree-lined driveways along its waterfront have fine residential areas, numerous hotels, motels and condominium apartments in all price ranges. Marinas along the waterfront are filled with yachts of local residents and vacationers from all parts of North America.

The city is rapidly developing into a cultural centre, with art galleries and museums, with free admissions. A Museum of Oriental Cultures at 426 South Staples houses an outstanding collection of Japanese and other Oriental art.

It is not so well known that Corpus Christi is among the top 10 seaports in the United States with cargo ships from all over the world using it with major cargos including cotton, oil, grain and chemicals.

Fishing is a major sport here on the Gulf of Mexico for sea trout, red fish, and red snapper in the shallow waters near the shore, while in the open waters of the Gulf you can try for Spanish mackerel, sailfish, marlin, tarpon and kingfish. In the fresh waters of Lake Corpus Christi there are white and black bass, catfish and crappie.

The city has a number of public and private golf courses, several dozen tennis courts, more than 150 parks, two auto racing tracks, riding stables, rodeo grounds, and a number of public swimming pools. The region is flat and you can see for miles. Some beaches have been restored in recent years, while a number of marinas are to be found near downtown and along bayfront driveways.

Nearby Aransas Pass is considered locally as the world's shrimp capital with as many as 500 shrimp trawlers anchored there in season. On the way across the bridges or by ferry from Corpus Christi to Aransas Pass and Port Aransas on Mustang Island you may see porpoises frolicking in the ship channel.

On Mustang Island there is hiking along the sand dunes or beachcombing for shells, or you can watch the surfers coming in on the rollers of the Gulf of Mexico.

During the winter months it is not unusual to find at public buildings and hotels not only the Stars and Stripes of the United States flying from flagpoles, but also the Texan flag, Canada's Maple Leaf and the Mexican flag in honor of the many visitors from those countries.

If you come the last week of April, you will be in time for the annual Buccaneer Days celebration, recalling the days when pirates roamed the area. Today the pirates are bikini-clad young girls who force the city's mayor to walk the plank.

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Ont. hospitals get increase

TORONTO —

Ontario hospitals will receive an increase of about 6.9% in operating funds for 1988-89, Ontario Health Minister Elinor Caplan recently announced.

All Ontario hospitals will receive a basic grant increase of about 4.4% in 1988-89. In addition, the budget increase allotted by the ministry will give a further 2.5% for growth in hospital programs.

Caplan said the additional 2.5% will be used for growth in life-support programs in designated teaching hospitals and other major hospitals. These programs include renal dialysis, cardiovascular surgery, chemotherapy, total parenternal nutrition, intraocular implants and perinatal health.

The increase for growth will also include funding for workload increases due to hospitals treating more patients and an additional 1% for hospitals with fewer than 50 beds.

"We would also also hope that hospitals will be among the groups who will be submitting proposals for the special programs referred to by the Premier when he announced the multi-year $100 million innovative health strategies program," Caplan said.

The increases will bring total ministry spending on hospitals for the year to approximately $5.4 billion.

Creating new Jewish leadership

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A proposal so startling that he felt the need to preface it by saying he was dead serious was put forward here by Israel Singer, secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress, in addressing the Fall Great Weekend at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

"The most serious problem we face is to create Jewish leadership," Singer said. "What we need to do is to find leaders and make them Jewish. I'm much involved in this, in finding people with power and making them Jewish. Our leadership has to change and our policies have to change."

The WJC executive said it would be necessary to encourage these non-observant Jews to gain some degree of Jewish substance through study, in order to become effective Jewish leaders.

Another main theme of his address was the need for expanding Jewish education. "We must offer every Jewish child a free education," he said. "The Jewish Agency is due to spend $600 million a year. If it doesn't spend it only on education in the next three years we will lose a whole generation.

"Intermarriage is only a symptom, not a disease. It only represents our boredom."

Singer said the $110 million that leading Jewish organizations in the U.S. spend every year defending human rights for Jews would be better spent on Jewish education.

"This would affect the world in a more positive way," he said. "If you want to save Jews somewhere else, save your own here first."

He said the World Jewish Congress is taking a more aggressive stance in promoting the welfare of the Jewish people and has no apologies for doing so.

"We don't think we should be silent in our response to the Vatican. It was our position that we should not receive the Pope. We believed he was carrying a message of ill-will regarding Jews and we are borne out. Their philosophy is one that breeds hate and opens the door to the gas chambers."

The nine days that some Jewish leaders spent negotiating with the Pope were a mistake, he added.

A total of 10,000 Nazi war criminals were admitted to the U.S. because of letters from the Catholic church, Singer said.

The diplomatic relations that have been arranged between Israel and Eastern European countries are a most significant development, he said, predicting that such diplomatic relations will be established soon with Yugoslavia and East Germany.

These relations have important implications for the 2 to 3 million Jews in the Soviet Union, Singer said, stating that the World Jewish Congress believes the 3 million figure is the correct one because about 1 million Jews there are hiding their identity to protect their jobs and families.

"It is tragic that 90% of the Jews leaving Russia want to live in Brighton Beach," he said.

Singer was introduced by Rabbi Henry Hoschander and thanked by Robert Gasner, adult education co-chairman.

Give teenagers room to grow, expert advises

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
While many people do not agree, teenagers are a wonderful age group and should be given the room to grow, learn about themselves and make their own mistakes, says Dr. Saul Levine, head of the department of psychiatry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

"Teenagers are going through phenomenal changes," said Levine, addressing the topic Teenagers! How Do You Handle Them, at the 11th annual Jewish Book Fair at the Leah Posluns Theatre. The program was sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood and Family Programming Committee.

"They become bigger, noisier, ackward and begin to think differently.

In the process of changing, Levine said, teenagers need love, traditions and rituals at home. He said parents should be available to talk to them and set out limits as to how far they can go in their behavior.

He said one of the problems teenagers must endure is that society expects them to do certain things — like drinking, driving and voting — at arbitrary set ages. The truth is, he said, that there is a lot of variability at different ages.

By pigeon-holing teenagers, Levine said, parents set up self-fulfiling prophecies. Going over some of the "myths" about teenagers, he then set out to puncture holes in them.

Levine, the popular co-writer in a nationally syndicated advice column to youth, said the first myth is that contemporary young people are more at risk and more out of control.

He said this condition has existed for thousands of years and will exist thousands of years from now.

"The more things change, the more they stay the same," Levine commented.

While many people view the generation gap as widening, Levine said today's teens have similar aspirations to their parents.

Another myth is that adolescence is a time of inevitable trouble and turbulance. Levine said not all teenagers experience this and that some actually go through it quite smoothly.

However, he later added that if an adolescent has a problem, parents should not simply shrug it off, saying they will grow out of it because if not treated, the problem will not go away.

Levine said that while some people say the 1980s is the worst decade to be young, he pointed out that young people today have no more problems than young people did at the turn of the century. It is worse for everyone today because of the rapidity of change and the uncertainty of the future.

He said that while suicide is the number two or three cause of death in this age group, it has actually decreased among teenagers.

Those who say there are no jobs for youth are not looking hard enough as the jobs are out there, he said.

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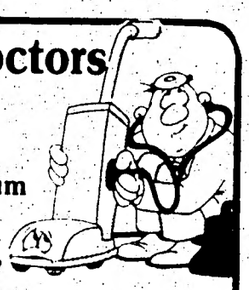
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Palm Beach condos Trump's card

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TORONTO —

When Donald Trump puts his name on a project, which he does often, it had better be done right.

The billionaire real estate mogul is not publicity-shy or averse to boasting about his grandiose schemes.

And why not. He has turned enough of those schemes into reality to silence many critics.

In New York, he has built Trump Tower and Trump Parc, lavish retail and condominium developments. In Atlantic City, Trump's Plaza and Trump's Castle have made him rich with casino money.

Trump recently travelled to Moscow to meet with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and discuss the possible development of luxury hotels in the Soviet Union.

Another grand plan typical of the man is Television City, his proposed headquarters for NBC Inc. which would include an unbelievable 150-storey office tower.

Trump's latest completed project is the Trump Plaza of the Palm Beaches, elegant twin 33-storey condominium towers in the heart of America's winter haven for the rich and famous.

When he purchased the partially completed complex in partnership with Chrysler head Lee Iacocca a year ago, he admits "it was a mess."

Today, after extensive renovations and rebuilding, he calls it "the hottest building in all of Florida."

Trump Plaza of the Palm Beaches in Florida is real estate mogul Donald Trump's latest completed project.

Others seem to agree, as the condominiums have won several design and building awards and attracted international attention.

There are 221 units that make up the complex, ranging in size from 1,927 sq. ft. to 3,841 sq. ft. (excluding terraces) and price from $299,000 to $1.8 million U.S.

Several buyers have purchased 2 units and joined them to create a larger space, a press release states.

Each apartment, with a minimum of two terraces, offers a view of Lake Worth and the Atlantic Ocean.

There is a dining terrace with an ocean view in every unit, a dining room, wet bar, floor-to-ceiling windows and sliding doors, marble bathrooms, master bedroom with separate dressing rooms, and a laundry room with washer and dryer.

Spending a lazy day by the pool? Your only worry will be following the sun as it moves from the morning pool over to the afternoon pool.

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There are still a number of units available for purchase at the Trump Plaza of the Palm Beaches. Model apartments, fully appointed and decorated, can be viewed daily.

For sales information contact Blanche Sprague, executive vice-president, The Trump Organization, 104 Central Park South, New York, NY 10019, or call 1-(212)- 247-7000.

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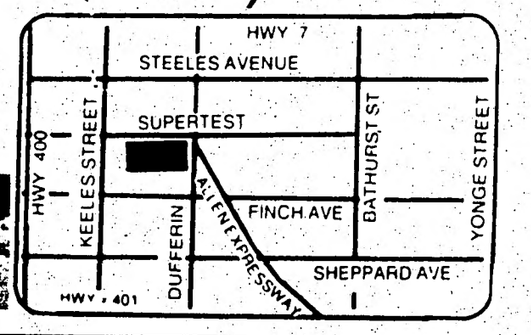

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